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The River Runs Free

While the sun has nearly set on the largest dam removal project in U.S. history, it's just rising on a restoration effort to return the Klamath River to its natural state

BY THADEUS GREENSON

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Meet Cathy Costa

*“it’s nice to have
good people around you”*

Cathy Costa, born and raised in Eureka, has a strong sense of community in Humboldt County—especially at her neighborhood Murphy’s Market. After graduating at 17 and traveling extensively, Cathy eventually settled back in Glendale, where she’s lived for the past 22 years.

Now retired after 39 years in the medical field, Cathy enjoys the convenience of Murphy’s, just down the road. “Every person in there is wonderful,” she says. “The employees are so helpful, and they always greet me with, ‘Hi Cathy!’ It just makes my day.”

Cathy has formed close bonds with the staff, especially the butcher who helps her choose the best cuts of meat. She’s also fond of the deli, where she affectionately nicknames one of the employees “Georgia on My Mind.”

Her life is filled with family, including two sons, a five-year-old grandson, and her 18-year-old rescue dog, Fred. Reflecting on her life, Cathy is grateful for the supportive community in Glendale. “I’ll be here the rest of my life. I’m thankful for the kind, helpful people at Murphy’s. It’s nice to have good people around you.”



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Frankie Garcia of Big Brothers Big Sisters tending bar at Tasty Hub. Read more on page 18. Photo by Jennifer Fumiko Cahill

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Recently planted wildflower seedlings sprout in a former Klamath River reservoir. Photo courtesy of Swiftwater Films.

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‘Access Must be Improved’

Editor:

“‘A Segregated Campus’” was a great article on CPHSU accessibility (Sept. 5). The campus topography is challenging but building access must be improved.

When the campus entrance at Laurel Drive and B Street was reconfigured I assumed it would be to install ramps. I was stunned that the finished project included steps.

Last year, I drove an elderly, disabled friend to the university and had to drop her off between the Library and Theatre Arts Building so that she could negotiate her way to Fulkerson without being challenged by steps.

She had a disabled person placard and a DP license plate but was not allowed to park at Gist (those spots are usually vacant) unless she bought a daily parking pass or one for the term. I was told she could park at one of the few metered spots behind the library, which would have more than doubled the walking distance to the music building.

The Transportation and Parking Service Department also said that if my friend drove her car she could pull up to the parking kiosk in G11 and the attendant would get her a daily parking pass.

Access to all buildings for everyone on campus should be made as easy as possible and mandatory.

I served in Macedonia with the Peace Corps from 2013-2015. Some older multistory buildings there were made accessible to all by retrofitting an elevator on the outside of the structures. Maybe something creative like valet parking from Library Circle or installation of a sky tram could assist the mobility impaired on campus.

Although I can still manage steps with my old, wonky knees, perhaps all of us will wish we'd been more outspoken and empathetic about an issue which is a physical barrier to others now.

Karen Sack, Eureka

‘Choose Harris’

Editor:

This fall we have two major candidates running for president.

Donald Trump declared he intends to start his presidency being a dictator, but only for one day. The other candidate, Kamala Harris, intends to be our president every day.

Given Trump's nature and the nature of the office, is there really any choice here? I think not; choose Harris.

Sherman Schapiro, Eureka

Klamath River Blessing

Let the waters of the Klamath be released.

Let the walls of the four hydroelectric dams be blasted apart, ripped down to bedrock, concrete and rebar pulverized

so only the scars will testify to what once spoiled the river.

Let the rains come and wash away the remains—

the silt, the pesticides, the cyanobacteria

—all the old hatreds, the blood of genocide

until the waters sweep away the past;

Let the waters, the mighty waters sweep down from the headwaters through Ishi Pishi Falls, carrying away all the foulness

spilling out past Requa and the Klamath Bar

until the living and the dead gather for the story of a river reborn;

Then let all that still swims return

—the Coho, the Chinook,

the ancient Green Sturgeon,

the Lost River and short-nosed suckers;

Let them leap and fight their way upriver to clean gravel beds

where the hens may rest their sacred eggs amidst the stones

so the jacks may pass their blessing over this new generation;

And later when the offspring have returned, let us all gather to feast

—the heron, the coyote, the eagle and osprey, the brown bear,

the Yurok, the Hupa, the Karuk—all who still hunger for rebirth;

Yes, let the waters of the Klamath run wild once again

and bowing to the dead, let all the world be renewed.

— David Holper.

‘Yes on Measure F’

Editor:

Jennifer, you were kinda harsh on Measure F (“VTY, Not Rob Arkley,” Aug. 15.)!

Please be more even-handed, as everyone endorsing Measure F has good reasons. Personally, I want to see a city that takes its long-term planning seriously. Many of us are tired of a city leadership that is willing to trip over its family, friends and neighbors — grasping for the latest bag of grant money. After watching the grant money flow for the destruction of H and I streets, I tend to agree with the sentiment! Grants from Sacramento should never govern what we do in Humboldt County, local perspective ought to lead the way!

We deserve better. We can have ample parking, economic vitality as well as more housing (for all people). Looks like the next step is voting yes on Measure F.

Anthony Mantova, Eureka

Editor:

After fighting Rob Arkley for years over the cleanup of the Balloon Track, imagine my surprise over *agreeing* with him on Measure F. Eureka is a unique Victorian town with open interesting architecture. Parking is plentiful and fairly easy.

Plenty of open space. Now the city wants to fill it in with big apartment blocks, completely changing its character. Cars may change to EVs and hybrids but people will still drive. A garage puts all the parking in one place, very inconvenient for older and handicapped people. I do not see a rush to the bus or bicycles in the rain. There are other good places to build low cost housing. If you enjoy Eureka's unique nature, vote yes on Measure F.

Thomas Peters, Eureka

Write a Letter!

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Write an Election Letter!

The *Journal* will accept letters endorsing specific candidates or measures in the Nov. 5 election until 10 a.m. Oct. 11. Election letters must be no longer than 150 words and must otherwise follow the guidelines outlined above. ●

RCEA Ponders Nuclear Power

Having long eschewed nuclear energy, board to mull offer of free electricity

By Thadeus Greenson

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The Redwood Coast Energy Authority Board will soon decide whether to accept an allotment of nuclear power to electrify the North Coast. Either way, local customers will be paying for it.

The local conversation — which will see the RCEA board debate straying from a long-standing policy not to add nuclear power to its energy portfolio — stems from state discussions of what to do with its last operating nuclear power plant 500 miles away. While Pacific Gas and Electric Co. had decided not to seek license renewal for its Diablo Canyon Power Plant in San Luis Obispo County and applied to close the facility in 2018, it reversed course in 2022, after California Gov. Gavin Newsom offered the company a \$1.4 billion loan to support its continued operation through at least 2030, with the state facing an unprecedented push for carbon-free power amid unprecedented demand for electricity.

As a result of that deal — and with the state now having a larger portfolio of electricity than previously forecast — PG&E is making allotments of power from its Diablo Canyon reactors available to all California Public Utilities Commission jurisdictional entities, of which Redwood Coast Energy Authority is one. And while the energy would come free of charge to the entities, their ratepayers are already funding the continued operation of Diablo Canyon through a state line adjustment on their bills.

"I'll just say that we know that this is potentially controversial," says Richard Engel, RCEA's director of power resources, adding that he has been reaching out to local environmental groups and other potentially interested parties to spread the word that the decision will be coming before the board Sept. 26. "We don't want

people to feel blindsided about it."

RCEA started its Community Choice Energy program in 2017, becoming just the seventh local entity in the state to do so, offering rates 0.5 percent lower than PG&E and promising to keep some of the benefits and control of the program in local hands

"Simply put, we're buying greener, more locally produced electricity and feeding it into the grid," RCEA's CCE website reads. "And we're working in partnership with PG&E, who continues to deliver electricity and maintain the lines as they always have, so there's absolutely no risk to you."

But the financial road has been a bit rocky for RCEA lately, prompting it to abandon the goal of getting its portfolio completely renewable and carbon-free by 2025 due to cost concerns.

"Renewable energy has really gone up in price pretty dramatically," says Engel, explaining that's due to supply chain disruptions, unprecedented demand, international market factors like tariffs, declines in hydroelectric production and even uncertainty regarding the upcoming election, all of which combine to create a seller's market. "There's a lot of things gumming up the works."

At a presentation to the RCEA board last month, The Energy Authority Account Director Jaclyn Harr offered the consultant's quarterly risk management report. In it, Harr reported RCEA was projected to meet 89 percent of local energy demands through renewable and carbon-free sources in 2025 at a deficit of \$4.7 million. The following year, its portfolio is projected to be 84 percent renewable and carbon-free, with a surplus of \$2.5 million. The balance of needed energy would be purchased through "brown sources," namely natural gas power plants.

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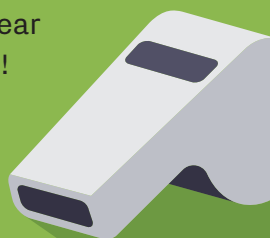
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As such, the Diablo Canyon allotments come at a potentially enticing time.

Commissioned in 1985, Diablo Canyon currently produces about 9 percent of California's electricity on any given day, and about a quarter of the state's carbon-free energy. But it has been plagued by concerns, including its proximity to the Shoreline Fault less than 1 mile away, safety concerns for employees and future storage of its spent fuel rods. But it was California regulations giving renewable energy production priority over nuclear that prompted PG&E to consider shuttering the facility, one of 89 nuclear power plants in the country. Now guaranteed to remain online for another five years, the state is requiring PG&E to make allotments of its power available to community choice energy providers at no additional charge. (Again, the power is being paid for through a line item on all California energy customers' bills.)

Engel says the Diablo Canyon allotment, if the board chooses to take it, would provide 5 to 10 percent of RCEA's energy needs in 2025. He says if the board accepts the allotment, it could choose to use it in one of two ways.

First, he says, it could simply look at it as a way to reduce costs — and its projected deficit — next year. Alternately, he says, the board could opt to accept it and use the cost savings to further green its portfolio, using the money saved to purchase additional carbon-free hydroelectricity and, potentially, meet its prior goal of 100-percent renewable or carbon free energy.

"That means it wouldn't make our fi-

nances look better or worse, it would just make our portfolio look greener," he says.

But Engel says he knows nuclear power is a controversial issue, one that even splits the memberships of some environmental groups divided between the perils of the nuclear energy and the very real threat of the climate crisis and the urgent need to cut emissions.

Environmental groups contacted by the *Journal* declined to comment for this story, with one referring to the issues as a potential "hornet's nest."

Even in a brief discussion among the RCEA board after Harr's presentation last month, divisions were evident.

Board member and Fourth District county Supervisor Natalie Arroyo asked why RCEA wouldn't accept the allotment.

"I mean, it's being phased out already," she said, adding it would be an "entirely different" conversation if it were about developing a new nuclear facility. "It's another one of those, 'Hold your nose and maybe do it for fiscal reasons' decisions."

But board Chair and Eureka Councilmember Scott Bauer seemed to indicate he has grave concerns about the proposal.

"I will say, as one who's never been a big fan of spent fuel that lasts for like 1,000 generations with no storage yet figured out, I can't say I support anything like nuclear because if we care about future generations, they're going to have to deal with hot material, radioactive material, that lasts forever, essentially," he said. "I wouldn't support it."

In comments to the board, Engel seemed to straddle the line. On the one hand, accepting the allotment in and of

itself does nothing to generate more nuclear energy or new plants — it's simply accepting what's already being produced and paid for by ratepayers. On the other, if lots of entities line up to accept the allotments, it could be taken as a sign that demand for nuclear power is robust, fueling Diablo Canyon's continued operation or even the building of new facilities.

Nationwide, a recent Pew Research Center survey in May found a majority of American support more nuclear power, with 56 percent of survey respondents saying they would like to see the building of new nuclear power plants to generate clean electricity. (That trailed the numbers who supported expanding solar and wind, at 78 percent and 72 percent, respectively.)

Engel says RCEA staff was watching what other community choice aggregators providers do faced with the same choice, saying intentionally or unintentionally a uniform response could send a strong message.

"It does send a message if all the CCAs say, 'No, go away,' eschewing the offer of free power due to deeply held nuclear concerns. "That sends a different message than if we all snap it up and say, 'Sure,' which they may infer to mean there's an appetite for nuclear energy in California when there may not be."

For more information, including an agenda for the Sept. 26 meeting, visit redwoodenergy.org/board-of-directors. ●

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The Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant, once slated to be closed by the end of 2025, will now remain operational at least through 2030.

Photo by Wikipedia-Tracey Adams/flickr

Union Calls on Providence to Reverse Rehab Unit Closure

The National Union of Healthcare Workers is calling on Providence to reverse its decision to shutter its Acute Rehabilitation Unit at the old General Hospital, saying a bill on Gov. Gavin Newsom's desk may delay the required seismic upgrades the health-care giant cited as a reason for the closure.

Providence St. Joseph announced last month it would be closing the unit — the only one on the North Coast that's not a subsidiary of Brios Healthcare, the for-profit skilled nursing chain that operates close to 80 facilities and that has repeatedly come under fire from state regulators — and “collaborating” with the Brios-affiliated Granada Rehabilitation and Wellness Center in Eureka to accept its patients and deliver rehabilitation services locally.

“Current acute rehabilitation services are located at the General Hospital campus in Eureka but due to the state’s mandated seismic (earthquake) structural standards, the General Hospital campus does not meet those standards and will no longer be able to provide inpatient services after 2024,” the Providence press release states, adding it had planned to move the unit to a newly constructed facility at Redwood Memorial Hospital, but construction was halted “due to various external factors” and was “no longer feasible.”

But the National Union of Healthcare Workers is wondering why Providence made the call before learning the fate of Senate Bill 1119, which would give it another two years to bring the General Hospital campus into compliance with seismic standards, if signed by Newsom. Providence, according to the union, had lobbied in support of the bill, which sought the two-year exemption specifically for three Providence facilities and passed the Senate on Aug. 26, sending it to the governor.

“Providence has no reason to close its rehabilitation center, and we call on the company to immediately reverse its decision,” said Kellie Shaner, a monitor tech at St. Joseph Hospital, in a press release from the union. “Providence just successfully lobbied to buy more time to meet seismic standards only to now claim that it has no choice other than to close medical services that Humboldt County residents have depended on for decades.”

The rehab unit provides intensive physical, occupational and speech therapy services — in addition to wraparound social services — in an inpatient setting and is

designed for those who are recovering from critical injuries, strokes, surgeries and diseases, according to the union's release.

The release goes on to note that the company Providence will now be collaborating with — the Brios Healthcare subsidiary Rockport — “has been repeatedly cited by state authorities for patient care violations and has a virtual monopoly on skilled nursing beds in Humboldt County. And the release notes the specific facility — Granada Rehabilitation and Wellness — was fined \$160,000 in 2017 by state regulators for a number of violations, including keeping the facility “free of dangers that cause accidents”

The *Journal* has reportedly extensively on the troubling record of Brius, its owner Shlomo Rechnitz and its local facilities, documenting the company's refusing to accept patients locally in an effort to demand higher reimbursement rates ("The Shut Out," July 9, 2015), its threatening to close facilities as a bargaining tool ("Bluffing," Dec. 22, 2016), its pattern of using affiliated subsidiary companies to make large profits at the expense of patient care ("The Case of the Missing \$5 Million," Oct. 13, 2016, and "Profit and Pain," Nov. 17, 2022).

More recently, in January, a state investigation found the 87-bed Granada Rehabilitation and Wellness had failed to honor “residents’ right to a dignified existence.” Specifically, the report found the facility failed to treat two residents with respect and dignity. According to the report, one — a woman who was admitted after she’d fallen and broken her hip — had to wait 20 minutes to be assisted to the toilet. Another resident, the report states, was repeatedly given adult diapers that didn’t fit and left to “lie in bed in her wet adult diaper, clothes and linen.” The violations left the other resident feeling “like she was not important” and the other “often wet and smelling of urine,” the investigative report states.

State reports also documented three deficiencies in 2023 for failing to ensure residents are free from “significant medication errors,” safeguard medical records and meet state-mandated staffing requirements. Those followed two documented deficiencies in 2022.

The union press release points to Providence's decision as a part of a track record, noting it came on the heels of it closing outpatient laboratory services in Eureka

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and closing its birthing center at Redwood Memorial Hospital in Fortuna.

"Since taking over for St. Joseph Health, Providence has continued to cut services in Humboldt County," said Willow Svien, an occupational therapist at St. Joseph Hospital, in the release. "As local healthcare workers, we're determined to keep care in our communities, and we will hold Providence accountable when it puts its bottom line over the needs of our patients."

In a statement emailed to the Journal, Providence spokesperson Christian Hill says the fate of S.B. 1119 won't change

the hospital system's decision, though it's grateful for the support of the Legislature and local representatives. If Newsom does sign the bill, Hill says it would give "Providence the necessary time to decommission the building (to reach seismic compliance) while determining an appropriate use for the space."

Newsom has until Sept. 16 to sign Senate Bill 1119 into law or veto it before it would become law without his signature.

— Thadeus Genson
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Officials Urge Caution After Dogs Die Following Swim in Eel

With two dogs having died shortly after swimming in a small pool of water by the Eel River near Fernbridge on Sept. 5, environmental health officials are urging the public to keep an eye out for potentially toxic algal blooms in local waterways.

"Warm water and abundant nutrients can cause cyanobacteria, sometimes called blue-green algae, to grow more rapidly than usual causing 'blooms,'" a county Department of Health and Human Services press release states. "These blooms are termed 'harmful algal blooms,' or HABs, and can produce toxins and taste and odors that cause health risks to humans and animals."

While the blooms can appear as "dark green, blue-green, black, orange or brown water or can occur as mats and sometimes create scum or foam on the riverbed or on the water," the "toxins produced by HABs may be present without visual indicators," according to the release.

Warnings about cyanobacteria are a yearly occurrence, generally in late July to early August, "coinciding with low flows and sustained high temperatures in the inland areas, which may contribute to cyanobacteria growth in local rivers and lagoons," DHHS states.

Over the last two decades, the deaths of 12 dogs have been documented as having occurred shortly after the animals went swimming in Big Lagoon, the South Fork Eel River or the Van Duzen River, with water samples confirming the presence of HAB in each of those cases. A documented July 2021 bloom in the Trinity River east of Willow Creek is also believed to have contributed to another dog's death, the

release states.

In most cases, green algae in local waterways is harmless, but environmental health officials are urging the public to treat all blooms as having "the potential to contain toxins," noting "it is difficult to test and monitor the many miles of local rivers with conditions that readily change."

Officials offered the following recommendations:

Keep children, pets and livestock from swimming in or drinking water containing algal scums or mats — especially those occurring in slow or stagnant water.

Rinse your dog with clean water after swimming as toxins may still be present on their fur.

Adults should also avoid wading and swimming in water containing algal blooms. Try not to swallow or inhale water spray in an algal bloom area.

If no algal scums or mats are visible, you should still carefully watch young children, warn them not to swallow any water and bathe with clean water after swimming.

Fish should be consumed only after removing the guts and liver and rinsing filets in tap water.

Never drink, cook with or wash dishes with water from rivers, streams or lakes.

Get medical attention immediately if you think that you, your pet or livestock might have been poisoned by cyanobacteria toxins. Be sure to tell the doctor or veterinarian about possible contact with cyanobacteria or algal blooms.

Join or support one of the many watershed and river organizations.

— Kimberly Wear
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Another Domino Falls

By **Tory Starr**
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The closure of Mad River Community Hospital's (MRCH) obstetrics services this fall makes me very sad ("Loss," Aug. 29). MRCH is an important part of Humboldt County and many of my friends, family and neighbors gave birth there over the past 40 years.

As someone who works in healthcare, it also makes me angry. Everyone involved in providing healthcare has seen this day coming for years. The truth is that this situation was entirely avoidable and now the strained resources of our region's healthcare system are under even greater pressure.

I am not angry at Mad River hospital, nor at its CEO Doug Shaw. I am angry at our state's casual disregard for our communities' maternity care needs, at our elected officials' hollow words of support and at a health insurance industry that pursues its profit at the expense of our patients.

The crisis in maternity care has been looming for years. It is now right here in Humboldt County.

A recent independent report found nearly 50 hospitals across California have shut down maternity wards over the last 10 years, leaving "obstetric deserts" across the state. Rural communities are the hardest hit.

We have spoken out about this crisis to the health insurance industry and asked our elected officials to help. The only assistance has come from Partnership Health Plan, a not-for-profit insurance company that administers the Medi-Cal program in Humboldt.

To our Legislature and insurers, I ask: Do you want people to give birth in Humboldt County? Do you want healthy children and families in all the regions of California? Do you want economic development in the rural parts of the state?

At Open Door, we have been preparing for years for the scenario of a single hospital delivering babies so that we could ensure our pregnancy services would not be disrupted. We will keep providing pregnancy and gynecological care at our current health centers. This includes gynecological surgeries and procedures, like hysterectomies and tubal ligations at MRCH.

Open Door's model of care is for a family physician and care team to provide a patient with the full range of care they need throughout their life, including delivering babies. This opportunity to provide "full spectrum" care is what draws many people to practice medicine at Open Door, and it is

an educational requirement for the Family Medicine Residency program that we partner in with Providence.

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But let us be clear: Reimbursement for obstetric healthcare, by both governmental and commercial payers, does not cover the cost. Open Door runs a deficit of more than \$1 million each year to offer high-quality comprehensive pregnancy services. These losses are not sustainable.

Our elected state and national officials, the Department of Health Care Services and the insurance payers, *must* work together to ensure adequate compensation for obstetric services. (Our state's decades-long underfunding of pregnancy services through Medi-Cal is especially egregious in light of its purported commitment to California's children.) The state's regulatory framework needs to allow for safe and cost-effective care instead of driving out services.

Mad River Community Hospital's obstetrics program is just the most recent domino to fall. Before that it was Redwood Memorial Hospital's obstetrics services and St. Joseph Hospital's acute rehab services.

We are lucky. The North Coast has collaborative-minded healthcare institutions that recognize the vital importance of working together to meet our community's needs. Providence Health has stepped in to transition our patients over to St. Joseph Hospital in Eureka.

What would happen to pregnant people in Humboldt County if Providence had not stepped in? What if Open Door had to stop providing pregnancy services or deliveries?

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While the sun has nearly set on the largest dam removal project in U.S. history, it's just rising on a restoration effort to return the Klamath River to its natural state

By Thadeus Greenson

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For the first time in more than a century, the Klamath River began flowing unobstructed on Aug. 28 from the river's mouth to Keno Dam, just below Upper Klamath Lake, opening hundreds of miles of salmon habitat and bringing a generational effort to the brink of completion.

The moment an excavator broke open the last coffer dam holding the river back at what used to be Iron Gate Dam, letting the Klamath River spill into its natural path, it was met with cheers and tears by more than 100 tribal members, environmentalists and officials watching, many of whom had spent years — if not decades — working to free the river from the dams that had choked it for decades.

"It was kind of a magic moment," says Craig Tucker, a consultant with the Karuk Tribe who has worked for removal of the four dams on the lower Klamath River for more than 20 years. "You know how you have those milestone moments — like when you graduate from college and walk across

the stage, and you don't really feel different? This felt different. It was like something monumental just happened, like the river is now a river, and there were a flood of emotions that went along with that. Lots of hugs."

But while the sun has nearly set on the largest dam removal effort in United States history, the work is not done and the sun is just rising on what is hoped to be one of the largest restoration efforts on record, a years-long effort to restore the lower Klamath River and its surrounding ecosystem to its natural state.

Work will continue through October to remove the last remnants of the four dams and their ancillary structures, as a team of biologists and ecologists work to manage a significant remaining threat to the adult salmon just entering the river's mouth. Meanwhile, work is underway to continue replanting and reseeding thousands of acres of land that sat for decades covered by man-made reservoirs, and to open up hundreds of miles of salmon-bearing tributaries and

restore them to health.

If you happen by just about any section of the lower Klamath River these days, you'll likely notice it resembles chocolate milk, turbid and muddy, filled with sediment that had been trapped for generations behind the dams.

"Removing dams is like open heart surgery, it's traumatic to the patient," Tucker says. "But you do things to mitigate the impacts."

Since the earliest stages of planning to remove the four dams — Iron Gate, Copco 1, Copco 2 and J.C. Boyle — there have been concerns about the impact of releasing the estimated 15 million cubic yards of sediment trapped behind them. Crews drew down the reservoirs behind the dams in the winter months, so naturally high-river flows would flush the sediment out to sea.

That was successful, Tucker says, but now the concern is that as the last temporary coffer dams are removed, it will release another flush of sediment — a very fine

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The Klamath River before and after the removal of Copco 2 Dam. Photos by Shane Anderson/Swiftwater Films

Copco 2 Dam

BUILD: Copco 2, a 33-foot-tall concrete dam that stretches 278 feet wide and sits between the much larger Copco 1 and Iron Gate dams, was constructed in 1925 as a diversion dam, running water from the river through a nearby powerhouse to generate electricity.

REMOVAL: The first dam removed, Copco 2 was demolished in July of 2023 when the Klamath River Renewal Corporation brought heavy equipment into the area to prep Copco 1 for the drawing down of its reservoir in January. Contractors drilled holes 12 to 15 feet into the concrete of Copco 2, filled them with explosives and detonated them, then used hydraulic picks and other machinery to break down the rubble until it was manageable and could be hauled away.

RESTORATION: Due to the small footprint of Copco 2 and its proximity to Copco 1, it was not considered a primary restoration focus. Dave Coffman, a geoscientist for Resource Environmental Solutions (RES), says because Copco 2 was built in a narrow bedrock canyon with steep slopes, its infeasible to do much restoration planting around it. As such, he says the plan is to essentially let nature run its course, hoping native plants growing above it will drop seed that will catch in the canyon walls.



Top: The Copco 2 powerhouse prior to deconstruction.
 Center: Excavators clear the rubble at Copco 2 Dam.
 Above: Copco 2 Dam during deconstruction.
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Iron Gate Dam

BUILD: Constructed in 1962, Iron Gate Dam is the lowest of the dams that comprise the Klamath River Hydroelectric Project, creating an artificial lake that can hold up to 58,000 acre feet of water. Standing 173 feet tall and stretching 740 feet wide, the earthen embankment dam was constructed of compacted earth under a waterproof surface.

REMOVAL: Iron Gate Dam was removed from the top down, with excavators removing the approximately 1 million cubic yards of soil and earthen materials. Most of that earthen material was hauled away, though some was used on site to fill a spillway and a massive erosion hole it had created. Work continues to dismantle the last vestiges of the dam, as well as its ancillary structures.

RESTORATION: The primary restoration areas around the former Iron Gate Reservoir are the reservoir bed itself, which crews began seeding and replanting with native species as the reservoir was drawn down, and its main tributaries, including Jenny Creek, the Camp Creek Complex and Scotch Creek. Approximately 388,000 cubic yards of sediment were mechanically removed. Joshua Chenoweth, a senior riparian ecologist with the Yurok Tribe, says crews are utilizing a different seeding and planting strategy in the Iron Gate Reservoir than those upstream because it's at a lower elevation with a different climate. As such, he says they're using a customized native seed mix and planting trees like oaks and junipers, which aren't found upriver around J.C. Boyle, as well as scrub shrubs. And even within the reservoir itself, there's variation, according to Dave Coffman, a geoscientist for Resource Environmental Solutions (RES), who says crews are tailoring vegetation different for the valley's north- and south-facing slopes. "Even within the Iron Gate Reservoir itself, there's not a one-size-fits-all approach to vegetation restoration," Coffman says.



Iron Gate Dam prior to removal.

Photo courtesy of Shane Anderson/Swiftwater Films



An aerial view of an algal bloom in Iron Gate Reservoir.

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A crowd of tribal members, environmentalists and officials watches as excavators breach a small temporary coffer dam at the former site of Iron Gate Dam, allowing the lower Klamath River to run free for the first time in more than a century.

Photo by Matt Mais/Yurok Tribe



A Yurok Tribe crew replants an area along Long Gulch in the footprint of Iron Gate Reservoir with bare-root native shrubs, including Klamath plum, after the removal of invasive vegetation in the area.

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Resource Environmental Solutions staff work below the Iron Gate Dam to relocate fish prior to dam removal.

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particulate resulting from years of decomposing, dead algae. The substance is anoxic, meaning it will suck oxygen from the surrounding water when released, and is too fine and liquid to scoop out with a backhoe and put in a truck. Releasing it all at once — or waiting for a rain event that would do the same — could “nuke the river,” Tucker says, killing all those adult salmon just returning to spawn. As such, he says crews are currently releasing 5,000 cubic yards at a time while biologists monitor oxygen levels down river.

“We want to get all this stuff out before the adults would reach Iron Gate, but we can’t evacuate it too quickly or we’ll affect the oxygen levels,” Tucker says, conceding it’s a tricky balance that will continue until those fish reach what used to be Iron Gate Dam, which is expected to happen Sept. 20.

The good news, Tucker says, is that salmon are resilient and can deal with some turbidity, and that no matter what happens, this year will be a singular impact that will pale in comparison to the annual impacts of blocked fish passage and poor water quality the dams created.

“This is temporary,” he says. “It’s not going to look like this forever.”

Meanwhile, work to restore the Klamath River Valley is ramping up. While seeding and planting efforts began in concert with the reservoir draw downs — with ecologists wanting to get native seed mixes on the freshly exposed reservoir floors while they were still saturated and wet — they are entering a new stage.

Dave Coffman, a geoscientist for Resource Environmental Solutions (RES), a subcontractor leading the restoration effort — amassing a bank of more than 17 billion native seeds and 300,000 tree and shrub plugs — the full reality of the job is just coming into focus.

“We spent five years planning a restoration project that we just now have access to,” he says, explaining that only after the reservoirs were drawn down, allowing the river to find its path through former beds, could crews collect soil samples and test composition. “We are drinking from a fire hose when it comes to learning about our site.”

Currently, he says, crews are hard at work using farming equipment to break up the dry, cracked, clay-like substance that covers the newly exposed reservoir floors, preparing them for another seeding effort. Meanwhile, he says, boulders and rocks — some taken from the

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J.C. Boyle Dam

BUILD: Built in 1958, the John C. Boyle Dam — commonly referred to J.C. Boyle — stood 68 feet tall and 693 feet wide, creating its namesake reservoir that held 4,200 acre feet of water. The farthest upriver of the four lower Klamath dams, it was comprised of concrete and earthfill embankment.

REMOVAL: Existing culverts were used to draw down the J.C. Boyle reservoir, after which crews demolished its spillway portion with hydraulic hammers mounted to a large excavator, progressively breaking the concrete into pieces that could be removed and hauled. Excavators and trucks then removed the earthen portion of the dam.

RESTORATION: The primary restoration focus around J.C. Boyle Dam is the former reservoir site, which was seeded and planted starting when drawdown began, as well as Spencer Creek and several unnamed tributaries that have reconnected with the river’s main stem. An estimated 40,000 cubic yards of sediment was also mechanically removed. Because the J.C. Boyle Reservoir sees moisture before those downriver, Dave Coffman, a geoscientist for Resource Environmental Solutions (RES), says his crews have started there, using pasture remediators — a kind of farming equipment — to break up the dried clay-like reservoir beds, which Yurok Senior Riparian Ecologist Joshua Chenoweth says have cracks running 2-feet deep in some places. After the soil is broken up, crews will hand plant a custom seed mix, with Chenoweth noting, “Seed germination is all about the seed-to-soil contact,” so the soil preparation work is crucial. Additionally, whereas downriver plantings will see a mix of oaks and junipers, Coffman says the J.C. Boyle area will see more ponderosa pines.

Top left: A temporary coffer dam is breached adjacent to J.C. Boyle Dam, the farthest upriver of the four dams removed from the river.

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Above left: J.C. Boyle Dam, built in 1958, and its namesake reservoir.

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Left: J.C. Boyle Reservoir is drawn down earlier this year, leaving hundreds of acres of exposed earth.

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Copco 1 Dam

BUILD: Built in 1918, Copco 1 is a gravity dam that stands 125 feet tall and stretches 415 feet wide, creating a reservoir capacity of 46,900 acre feet in Copco Lake, which sits in Siskiyou County near the Oregon border.

REMOVAL: Work to deconstruct Copco 1 Dam began with the installation of a “work pad” at its downstream base to allow a stable work area for heavy equipment. Crews then used a drill-and-shoot method to bore a 10-foot-wide tunnel through the dam’s base, meaning they repeatedly drilled into the dam, packed the hole with explosives, detonated them and excavated the rubble until they’d dug a 150-foot-long tunnel, leaving just a final plug of concrete to keep the water from escaping. In January, crews then blasted this plug, opening the tunnel to begin drawing down the reservoir. The dam was then removed much the same as Copco 2, just on a much larger scale, with crews drilling and blasting it apart, reducing it to rubble that can be hauled from the site by truck. Work continues to remove the last pieces of the dam, as well as the dam house.

RESTORATION: The primary focus of restoration efforts at the former site of Copco 1 have been Beaver Creek Complex, Deer Creek and the spring-fed floodplain. An estimated 346,000 cubic yards of sediment was mechanically removed from the area. While the Copco Lake area is somewhat similar to Iron Gate downriver, Dave Coffman, a geoscientist for Resource Environmental Solutions (RES), points out that they’re still separated by 30 miles, noting that it’s not uncommon to see snow at Copco 1 after temperatures have warmed significantly at Iron Gate. As such, while the seed mixes are generally the same, Coffman says crews are taking a customized approach to the reservoir. Coffman notes that a lava flow once blocked the Klamath River there, creating a flat, lacustrine valley that persisted for thousands of years before the river eroded it and broke through. After reservoir draw down, Coffman says it was discovered there are natural springs in the valley nobody thought would be there, saying restoration is now being tailored to include more wetland areas to accommodate “pretty significant spring flows that come from the north side of the valley.”



Copco 1 Dam prior to removal.
Photo courtesy of Shane Anderson/Swiftwater Films



A test blast rattles Copco 1 Dam during demolition.
Photo courtesy of Shane Anderson/Swiftwater Films

Right: A tribal ecologist plants native tarts in a newly the newly exposed mudflat of a former reservoir.
Photo courtesy of Swiftwater Films



Below: What used to be Copco Lake brims with the life of revegetation.
Photo courtesy of Matt Mais/Yurok Tribe





A recently planted blossoming Menzie's fiddleneck attracts a painted lady butterfly as a part of an effort to add small flowering plants to the landscape that will aid pollinators. *Photo by Matt Mais/Yurok Tribe*

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earthen fill dams themselves — will be placed on the newly exposed bedrock that once supported the dams, providing important habitat that can provide respite for migrating adult salmon and protection for vulnerable fry. Then there's all those tributaries, some which have themselves been choked with sediment from decades of flowing into stagnant reservoirs. Coffman says crews will take a case-by-case approach, using equipment to excavate sediment from some, nudging others to their historic footprints, removing fish passage barriers in some and adding fallen trees to create shelter in others.

Joshua Chenoweth, a senior riparian ecologist for the Yurok Tribe, who says he's primarily responsible for reseeding the 2,000 acres of newly exposed reservoir floor, says crews will begin work in October to reseed areas that couldn't be reached when the reservoirs were drained, adding they also have 116,000 shrub and tree plugs to plant this year. Chenoweth says the seed mixes are being tweaked — with some species added and others taken out — to fit conditions of each of the former reservoirs. Another round of seeding and planting is slated for 2025.

Tucker says one thing that dawned on him when he was standing at the foot of the valley that once held Iron Gate Reservoir is that the watershed will soon have two big valleys that will soon be restored to a natural state.

"I don't know of any river valleys of this size on the West Coast that are undeveloped," he says. "We can really make this a wild, naturally productive place again."

And Tucker and others underscored that this moment would not have been possible without decades of activism from tribal nations, including the Karuk and Yurok tribes on the lower Klamath, whose culture and sustenance have been interwoven with the river for millennia.

North Coast Congressman Jared Huffman, who joined the fight in 2012 after redistricting shifted congressional district

boundaries and played an important role in the pressure campaign that ultimately brought PacifiCorp, the Berkshire Hathaway subsidiary that owned the dams, back to the negotiating table, spent some time on the river last week.

"Being part of this journey is just magic, so much so that I didn't mind at all that the river water looked like the Mississippi," he says, adding that the magnitude of the moment is palpable. "It's huge. There's no way to overstate it. This has been so long in coming, and it embodies so many hopes and dreams and long-standing grievances and injustices. It's very emotional for the tribal leaders who I work with, who have been in the trenches for decades in some cases. You can just sense a new hope and sense of satisfaction. They're practically beaming with it."

In a statement issued after the last coffer dam was breached late last month, Yurok Vice Chair Frankie Myers noted the effort was never a choice for tribal members.

"The dams that have divided the basin are now gone and the river is free," he said. "Our sacred duty to our children, our ancestors, and for ourselves, is to take care of the river, and today's events represent a fulfillment of that obligation."

But restoration will continue, and Coffman says RES' obligation remains, noting that work and monitoring efforts will continue for a minimum of five years. Ultimately, however, he says the company is bound not by time but a performance guarantee, having promised to meet certain benchmarks — like vegetative cover, trees per acre, species diversity — before the job is done.

"Nobody has ever done something like this before," he says. "We're here to see this landscape recover, here to steward it through to recovery alongside our tribal partners, the folks who have been stewarding these landscapes for millennia." ●

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Tasty Hub Makes Room for Newcomers

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On Monday afternoon, Gaby Long, owner of A Taste of Bim (613 Third St., Eureka) and its auxiliary food truck, is still recovering from a long day and night of selling chicken curry and jerk wings at Cannifest. “I can’t feel my feet,” she says with a laugh. But even with a leg brace for her injured ACL, she takes the truck out to events when she can on top of running the restaurant in Old Town. “You have to,” she says, “because foot traffic isn’t the same as it used to be.”

Not much about the restaurant business is the same as when she opened nine years ago. “When life changes, when the environment changes, we have to pivot and just keep going forward ... and collaborate,” she says. Her latest pivot is Tasty Hub (1935 Fifth St., Eureka), a combination commissary kitchen and food truck court that officially opened Sept. 6.

Here and there, Long says people had been asking if they could use A Taste of Bim’s modest kitchen to make products like sauces or beverages, since commercial facilities are scarce and often booked up around the county. Those fledgling businesses, she says, needed “a foot in the door,” as did some of the new food trucks jockeying for both kitchens and regular spots on the street.

Roughly a year and a half ago, Long started looking for a space, though she admits the former Chalet House of Omelettes, a bit of an eyesore while empty, wasn’t on her radar at all, despite its highway-adjacent location. She was skeptical until her real estate agent took her inside to see the improvements made for the planned Sip Café. The full kitchen, storage, walk-in refrigerator and prep areas would work for trucks and other food businesses, and the updated dining room would offer indoor seating. The couple dozen parking spots would offer room for patrons and trucks alike, too. So, with the help of North Edge Financing (formerly Arcata Economic Development Corp.), Long bought the building.

“It kills two birds with one stone; it provides a commissary kitchen for folks who need it and ... a prominent location,” says Long, who likes the idea of a food truck court. A steady spot is always important, she says, but especially in the winter, when lining up in the rain and cold can be daunting and sales drop. At Tasty Hub, “In the winter, slower months, you have the ability to have some inside seating so you’re not getting wet.” That indoor space also has a full bar in the corner and on Friday, nonprofit Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the North Coast was offering cocktails, beer and wine.

Long doesn’t look at Tasty Hub as fueling her competition, despite the fact that A Taste of Bim is in the restaurant, truck and sauce businesses, and she owns the Grind Café, soon to move into the Humboldt County Courthouse. “If there’s somebody that wants a chance to sell their product ... my drive is economic development,” she says. “This is small business development, potential food [business] incubation. ... Everybody doesn’t have the resources to just open a restaurant. Some folks can but some folks need a little support.” A truck, catering business or prepared food sales — all of which require an approved kitchen — can be a stepping stone toward that goal.

Corralling trucks in a lot, Long feels, is an improvement from having them parked directly in front of one’s restaurant. “We’re all trying to survive in this together,” she says, noting restaurants everywhere have changed the way they do business since the arrival of COVID in 2020 and the subsequent shift to takeout and mobile businesses. “There’s still room for girls’ night out and date night” at traditional sit-down establishments, she says. “I see both sides but the thing is, food trucks bring more variety ... you’re able to bring more variety into the area where people can





Owner Gaby Long at Tasty Hub.
Photo by Jennifer Fumiko Cahill

have things that traditionally they'd have to go out of town to get."

Tasty Hub offers hourly, monthly and long-term kitchen rentals, which come with vending space in the lot, but isn't yet charging for parking spaces alone. "We want to get everybody on board and adjusted," says Long. "We're actively hunting [for trucks] right now."

So far, the roster includes Vaqueros, Happy Taco, Los Giles Taqueria, Easy Squeeze Lemonade, Pupuseria San Miguel, Gios Pizza and Karachi Cuisine.

In the bar corner, Long hopes to have nonprofit groups weekly, and says Pathways of Purpose and Black Humboldt are

on the schedule. Sharing the proceeds from the drink sales, she says, "is a win-win."

"If you have the ability to help someone, you should do it, regardless," says Long, who's excited about Tasty Hub's potential to give new businesses a chance to thrive. "The purpose is to help startups to get their foot in the door ... you're creating a start." ●

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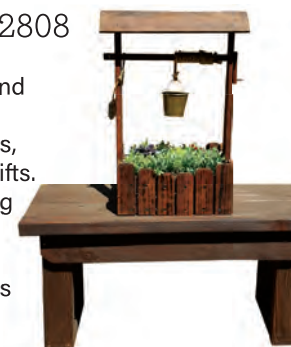
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Redwood Poetry Festival Takes the Stage

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Wil Gibson fell in love with poetry at the age of 8 when he saw the poet laureate of Chicago belting out verse. But as a young adult living on the streets, he felt a divide between his social standing and his literary dreams. “I never thought poetry was something I could have,” Gibson says. “It was for rich people; it was for educated people; it wasn’t for me.” Once Gibson found his voice in poetry, he started connecting with people through the rhythm of language.

At this year’s Redwood Poetry Festival, Gibson will host the 15 published poets sharing their work at the Historic Eagle House (139 Second St., Eureka) after an opening performance by singer-songwriter Zera Starchild. The showstopper event is Saturday, Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m. (\$10), but the entire schedule, which includes events and workshops at Outer Space, Synapsis, Siren’s Song and Phatsy Kline’s, stretches Sept. 11 through Sept. 15.

Gibson served as Eureka’s poet laureate from 2021-2023, and his first notable poetry book *Harvest the Dirt* addresses poverty and his own upbringing in a low-income family. His work flows conversationally and connects easily with the audience.

Among the scheduled poets is Moth Taylor, a nonbinary writer whose main

theme for the night focuses on “coming to terms with the external and internal changing of seasons.” With summer coming to a close, Taylor wants listeners to think about how natural shifts in our lives may change the path we’re on. Their latest chapbook, *Solstice Spells*, focuses on these connections to our environment. They also create ekphrastic pieces, crafting visual art that complements their poetry.

Taylor enjoys connecting an audience with the little “intimate” parts of life that can be easily overlooked, like a barren desert that fills with vibrant flowers for a few days a year. “I will often go to places in my work that will speak ... to times that were a little bit darker in my life. But what I strive to do in every piece is to make sure there is a thread of hope that flows throughout and hopefully is the last note that stays with people,” they say.

The Eagle House show also features Anna Martinez, who served as Albuquerque, New Mexico’s poet laureate from 2022 through this July. Martinez was born in Los Angeles to an artistic family and her dad, a Latino activist, was an important role model. As a Latina attorney, her poetry focuses on themes of truth and justice, sometimes connecting with current events. “I always believed that artists are the ones who change things and leave history behind because the victor is the one



Harvey Gray and Wil Gibson performing.

Photo courtesy of Susanna Gibson

who gets to write the story and we can’t always believe the things they write about us, and so now it’s our time to reclaim our stories,” she says.

“I write the way my activism works, like a pretty open book, honest,” she says. “The beat of who I am is basically what I’m always writing about,” says Martinez, who recently published *Pura Puta: A Poetic Memoir*.

Eureka’s first poet laureate, David Holper, has several collections under his belt. He and Gibson have worked together over the past few years to transform Eureka into a more vibrant poetic community for both writers and audiences. “It’s great to have poet laureates to help the public understand poetry isn’t boring. It’s not stale, or dead, or stuffy; it’s actually really interesting, but you actually have to have a

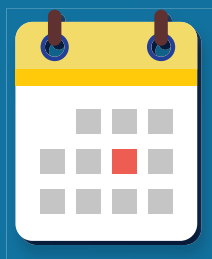
means to access it,” Holper says.

His recent book *Language Lessons: A Linguistic Hejira* focuses on untranslatable words from around the globe. It’s a playful read designed for folks who might not otherwise be interested in poetry. On the flip side, Holper doesn’t shy from discussing controversial topics and disrupting the status quo.

“Even if my voice is shaking when I say it,” notes Holper, “I want to be able to speak the truth to the nature of the problems in society so people will listen and hear that.”

Sasha Love (she/her) is a local freelancer who will be studying journalism at University of Oregon this fall.

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Anywhere Out of the World

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I lost a lot of weight this year from health problems but rather than bemoan my altered state, I prefer to lean into imagining contorting my body into the nude, inscrutable angles of the bronze-age etchings of human (and other) figures from the Altai region of Russia. It's been a dream of mine in the past to slip out of this side of the biosphere and into the mystic realm of the unknowable past, leaving silhouettes of my parting motions as totemic mysteries for future humans. But then again, being an elder millennial, most of what I do and say is already alien to the younger set of people out there in the world, bustling around, growing up and trying to pad their CVs for a world that has little guarantee of existing in any recognizable state. So for now, I will watch the hubbub of credentialing, activism and planning, while drafting myself onto nothing more concrete than the present itself, day by day. And week by week. Have a jolly one.

Thursday

Innovation is an interesting trick in music, especially within the confines of an established genre. One of the ironies of jam band music, for instance, is how much of it sounds the same, a sort of wash of noodling to the casual listening. However, there are still surprises out there for those looking and one such act is New York's **Stolen Gin**, a largely instrumental group whose central thesis to performance is a commitment to make each show unique by never repeating the way one of its songs is played. This could come across as an annoying gimmick, but the band largely beats the charges with a wide sonic pallet, diverse instrumental and a strong understanding of the "cut-up" technique of electronic dance music. Fans of the fun side of the jam genre should definitely check this one out. Also on the bill at Humbrews are **Philip Labes** and **Mule Ranch**, where the sounds start at 8 p.m. (\$20, \$17 advance).

Friday

This should be interesting, if for no other reason than it's a new variation in the history of local vinyl-spun lore. **Arcata Soul Party** is going to be a DJ-curated dance party, but not at Humbrews. To-

night's grooves are going down at Sepen-trio at 9 p.m., where a \$10 sliding door fee will allow you access to the dance floor. Tonight's ambassadors of shimmy shimmy ya are **King Maxwell** and **L-Boogie**. Viva.

Saturday

Two happenings to report on today, so let's start with the daytime one first. At high noon over at the Bodyworks Alpha Annex, it's round two of the now annual Humgrown Festival, where a bevy of local bands of diverse musical backgrounds will be doing it up for all comers. Here's what I know of the line-up: **Datura Blues**, **Marvin the Fly**, **Thundercloud**, **A Banjo Makes 3**, **Phallic Graffiti**, **As Known As**, **The Triple Tone** and **Queen Karma**. I've only heard about half of these groups live but the ones who have hit my ears caught my attention. Tickets are \$15 at the door, \$10 advance.

Meanwhile at 7:30 p.m. in Ferndale, it's Old Steeple season again and tonight's show is a genuine surf rock scorcher. Local trio **The Starhoppers** are about the best act I can think of to set the stage for second generation fretboarder **Jimmy Dale**, whose surname was given to him, along with a load of talent, by his father, the late, great surf music master Dick Dale. Having seen the elder Dale play a few times in my younger days, I can tell you each show was an absolute ripper. Some of the loudest and most exciting stuff I had the pleasure of hearing, and harming my hearing in the process. Good on Jimmy for keeping that torch burning and adding his own gas to the fire. The \$25 ticket is a great deal to listen to those glorious, heavy gauged-string Fender sounds.

Sunday

Americana string bands were not exactly in vogue in the mid '90s, especially in a San Francisco that was swimming in punk, alt-rock, hip hop and DJ culture. But that didn't stop **The Crooked Jades** from forming up anyway and, 30 years later, the group is celebrating its resilience and brilliance with a spin on the road, one that brings them to the Arcata Playhouse tonight at 7 p.m. (\$20). Once again, the warm wooden womb of the stage and rafter scene here is the perfect venue for this band's timeless and gorgeous be-stringed



Jimmy Dale plays the Old Steeple at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14.

Submitted

sound, so I'd suggest that if you have even a scintilla of interest in this sort of thing, go get your buns some seats, post haste.

Monday

Comedians are strange creatures. There are those who strictly write jokes for stage recitation, those who act in films and television, and those who permanently change the face of comedy with a groundbreaking sketch comedy show like, oh, I don't know, Bob Odenkirk and David Cross' *Mr. Show*. The latter named character is the subject of tonight's event, where at the Van Duzer Theatre at 8 p.m., you can see Cross run through his stand-up routine. I will admit that I love his films (*Run, Ronnie, Run* comes to mind) and television work (his line delivery as the character Tobias on *Arrested Development* used to physically hurt me with laughter), a lot more than I have ever valued his stand-up, which I find pretty shrill and condescending, especially during an election year. However, I'm just the schmuck writing about the guy, while he is the guy with a stellar CV miles above almost any comedian I can think of from his generation, so I will kindly remind myself to shut the fuck up on this one and suggest the rest of you have a lovely time (\$35-\$54.50).

Tuesday

Speaking of comedy, **Jessica Grant** is

hosting a gig at Savage Henry Comedy Club tonight at 9 p.m. called "Hey! That Reminds Me!" This one's all about the golden-webbed and rosy-tinted trap of nostalgia, a personal nemesis of mine who seems to creep into the edges of my psyche when I am trying to gun the motors straight ahead to mystery, the future and, eventually, death. I guarantee she has a much funnier outlook on the phenomenon than myself and it will only cost you \$5 to find out.

Wednesday

I'm working off the September calendar here, so forgive that paucity of information, but it appears the Logger bar has a two-fer going on today, with a 4 p.m. gig by an entity called **Jazz Bros**, and then karaoke four hours later. Context clues might have me speculating as to what the first act is all about, but it's free to get in either way, so maybe it's best you go see for yourselves. It's never a bad trip to sunny Blue Lake. ●

Collin Yeo (he/him) would like to congratulate Dick Cheney for celebrating another 9/11 as a free man, as well as being feted by liberals, despite (or perhaps because of) his status as a war criminal and mass murderer. Some people have all the luck, while others (like Iraqis and Palestinians) aren't even considered people at all.

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VENUE	THURS 9/12	FRI 9/13	SAT 9/14	SUN 9/15	M-T-W 9/16-9/18
ARCATA PLAYHOUSE 1251 Ninth St. (707) 822-1575			Full Circle: The Journey (tango, choro) 7 p.m. \$25, \$20 seniors/students	The Crooked Jades (bluegrass, Americana) 7 p.m. \$20	
ARCATA THEATRE LOUNGE 1036 G St., Arcata (707) 822-1220		Fuego w/DJs Teca, Pressure, D'Vinity 9 p.m. \$15	Blunts (Hip-hop, reggae, old-school dubstep) 9 p.m. \$20	Mary Poppins (1964) (film) 6 p.m. \$8, \$12 admission and poster, Pre-show at 5 p.m.	[W] Sci-Fi Night: <i>The Fifth Element</i> (1997) (film) 6-9 p.m. \$6, \$10 admission and poster
THE BASEMENT 780 Seventh St., Arcata (707) 845-2309	Claire Bent Jazz Quintet 8 p.m. Free	Flashback Friday! Y2K Edition w/DJs Anya Slayer, Zero One 8:30 p.m. \$5	The Red Room w/DJs KreePeeO, ZeroOne 9 p.m. \$5		
BEAR RIVER CASINO RESORT 11 Bear Paws Way, Loleta (707) 733-9644		Thirsty Bear: Stand-Up Comedy Night 8 p.m. Free, DJ Statik (club nights) 9 p.m. Free	Thirsty Bear: Monument Road (country hits) 9 p.m. Free	Thirsty Bear: Karaoke Sundays 9 p.m. Free	
BEAR RIVER RECREATION CENTER 265 Keisner Rd., Loleta (707) 733-1903		Rodney Atkins, Chad Bushnell (country) 8 p.m. \$59			
BLUE LAKE CASINO WAVE LOUNGE 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake (707) 668-9770		Wave: Dr. Squid (dance hits) 9 p.m. Free	Wave: Soul Trip (blues, classic rock) 9 p.m. Free		[M] Treat Yourself Entertainment Karaoke 8-11 p.m. Free, [T] Trivia Night With Reel Genius Trivia 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free
CAL POLY HUMBOLDT 1 Harpst St., Arcata			Fulkerson: Cal Poly Humboldt Welcome Concert 7:30 p.m. \$20, \$5 children and CPH students w/ID		[T] Van Duzer: David Cross - The End of The Beginning of The End 8 p.m. \$35-\$54
CENTRAL STATION SPORTS BAR 1631 Central Ave., McKinleyville (707) 839-2013		Treat Yourself Entertainment Karaoke 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Free			[M] Pool Tournament 6 p.m., [W] Treat Yourself Entertainment Karaoke 8 p.m.-midnight Free
CHER-AE HEIGHTS CASINO FIREWATER LOUNGE 27 Scenic Drive, Trinidad (707) 677-3611			UFC 306 (mixed martial arts) 7 p.m. Free		[T] Karaoke 8 p.m. Free
CRISP LOUNGE 2029 Broadway, Eureka, (707) 798-1934	Up in Joke! Comedy Open Mic 8-10 p.m. Free	Pete Nelson Tonight! 7 p.m. TBA		Open Mic Night (15-minute time slot) 6:30 p.m. Free	[M] Pete's Projecting Again! (comedy/variety) 7-9 p.m. \$5, [T] Pool Tournament 6 p.m. \$10, [W] Kara-Smokey! 7 p.m. Free
EUREKA THEATER 612 F St. (707) 442-2970			Rosewater Presents: <i>Dead Ahead</i> (film) 4:30-8:30 p.m. \$10, \$5 kids 12 years and under		

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HISTORIC EAGLE HOUSE 139 Second St., Eureka (707) 444-3344		Phatsy Kline's Open Mic and Poetry Workshop 5:30-8 p.m., Ballroom: North Country Fair Samba Parade Pre-Party 7:30-10 p.m. \$10-\$20 sliding scale	Ballroom: Redwood Poetry Festival 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$10		
HUMBOLDT BREWS 856 10th St., Arcata (707) 826-2739	Stolen Gin, Philip Labes, Mule Ranch 8 p.m. \$20, \$17	Caribbean Jazz Odyssey, Duniya 8 p.m. \$15	Hotfoot 9:30 p.m. \$10		
LARRUPIN' CAFE 1658 Patricks Point Dr., Trinidad (707) 677-0230					[W] Dogbone (feral jazz) on the Larrupin' Patio 5-9 p.m. Free
THE LOGGER BAR 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake (707) 668-5000	Jeff Landen 8 p.m.	Jazz Bros 4-6 p.m., Bayou Swamis 9-11 p.m.	Hot Wax Country Vinyl 8 p.m. \$5		[T] Trivia Tuesday 6:30-8:30 p.m. [W] Jazz Bros 4-6 p.m., Karaoke 8 p.m.
THE MADRONE TAPHOUSE 421 Third St., Eureka (707) 273-5129					[W] Reel Genius Trivia. 6-8 p.m. Free
MAD RIVER BREWING CO. & TAP ROOM 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake (707) 668-4151		Good Time Charlies (folk, rock, classics) 6-8 p.m. Free			
MARIO'S MARINA BAR 533 Machi Rd., Shelter Cove (707) 986-7600		Clean Girl and the Dirty Dishes 6:30 p.m.			
MINIPEX 401 I St., Arcata (707) 630-5000		DJ Unseele, DJ Ring Entity (synth pop, New Wave) 9 p.m. \$5-\$10, NOTAFLOF	Stable Vices, Good Time Charlies, Hermit Crab 8-11 p.m. \$5	G.O.A.T Karaoke 8:30 p.m. two-drink minimum	[W] Big Mood (DJs, queer night) 8-11 p.m.
MOUNTAIN MIKE'S PIZZA - FORTUNA 1095 S Fortuna Blvd., Suite 48, (707) 777-7550					[T] Reel Genius Trivia. 6-8 p.m. Free
MOUNTAIN MIKE'S PIZZA - MCKINLEYVILLE 1500 Anna Sparks Way, (707) 203-8500					[W] Reel Genius Trivia. 6-8 p.m. Free
OLD GROWTH CELLARS 1945 Hilfkler Lane, Eureka (707) 407-0479	Craig Lemster and Frank Anderson Duo (jazz, Western) 6-8 p.m.				
THE OLD STEEPLE 246 Berding St., Ferndale (707) 786-7030			Jimmy Dale Surf Trio, The Starhoppers 7:30 p.m. \$25		
PAPA WHEELIES PUB 1584 Reasor Rd., McKinleyville, (707) 630-5084			Live Music 6-9 p.m.		
REDWOOD CURTAIN BREWERY & TASTING ROOM 550 South G St., #4, (707) 826-7222			Summer Music Series: 3-6 p.m. Free		
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SAVAGE HENRY COMEDY CLUB 415 Fifth St., Eureka (707) 845-8864	Drink & Draw 6 p.m. Free, Double Trouble 9 p.m. \$10	X (stand-up) 7 p.m. Free, Steve Gillespie (stand-up) 9-11 p.m. \$15, The Latest Show 11 p.m. \$5	The Dose 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$20, Steve Gillespie (stand-up) 9-11 p.m. \$15		[M] Evan Vest's Let's Watch... <i>The Wall</i> (film) 9-11 p.m. Free, [T] Hey That Reminds Me! 9-11 p.m. \$5, [W] Wednesday Open Mikey 9 p.m. Free
SEPTENTRIO BARREL ROOM 935 I St., Arcata (707) 420-4200		DJ L-Boogie and King Maxwell (soul hits) 9 p.m. \$10			
SIREN'S SONG TAVERN 325 Second St., Eureka (707) 442-8778	Open Mic Night (all acts) 7:30 p.m. sign ups at 7 p.m. Free	Fox Medicine, Council. of Vermin, Kult of Indifference (doom, punk) 8 p.m. all ages	Courtney's 50th Bday Party: Fox Bodies, Clean Girl & the Dirty Dishes, and Los Perdixos 9 p.m. \$5 all ages	Sunday Funday (board games provided or bring your own) Free, Farewell Dylan, Self Doubt, Phallic Graffiti, Kult of Indifference (pop-punk, indie-rock) 7 p.m. \$10 all ages	[M] Monday Night Raw: Comedy Open Mic 7 p.m. Free, [T] Siren's Sessions - Open Format Jam, 8 p.m. Free, Sowing Seeds Tour: Fern Spores 8 p.m. \$10 all ages
SIX RIVERS BREWERY 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville (707) 839-7580		Pat Holland (acoustic guitar) 5-8 p.m. Free			
SPEAKEASY 411 Opera Alley, Eureka (707) 444-2244		Friday Night Jazz 8-10 p.m. Free	Jenni and David and the Sweet Soul Band (soul, funk) 7-10 p.m. Free		[T] Tuesday Night Jazz 7-10 p.m. Free
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Albuquerque Poet Laureate Anna Martinez. Submitted

ReWorded presents the third annual **Redwood Poetry Festival** on **Saturday, Sept. 14**, at the **Historic Eagle House** from **6:30-9:30 p.m.** (\$10). Settle in for an evening of music and spoken word performances in the beautiful ballroom from Albuquerque Poet Laureate Anna Martinez, Elizabeth Hassler, Lorenzo Almond, Susanna Gibson, Riley White, Wil Gibson, Moth Taylor and Jennifer Dabbs. Local singer/songwriter Zera Starchild opens.



The Crooked Jades. Submitted

Celebrate 30 years of **The Crooked Jades** at the **Arcata Playhouse** on **Sunday, Sept. 15** at **7 p.m.** (\$20). Known for blending old-time music with modern sounds, The Crooked Jades is made up of co-founders Jeff Kazor (vocals/guitar/ukulele) and Lisa Berman (vocals/slide guitar/banjo/harmonium), along with Erik Pearson (vocals/banjoes/ukulele/harmonium/slide guitar). They'll be introducing new talents Amy Kassir on fiddle and JZ on bass. Doors are at 6:30 p.m.



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Enjoy a laid-back late afternoon of eating, drinking and vibing with friends at **Corks, Forks, and Kegs**, the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce's annual beer and wine walk with food tastings happening throughout **McKinleyville** on **Saturday, Sept. 14**, from **3 to 7 p.m.** Check-in at the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce Pop-Up tent, receive your wristband, tasting glass and event map, and sample food and drinks at each stop with a general ticket (\$45 advance, \$50 day of) or choose a non-alcoholic ticket (\$25 advance, \$30 day of) for minors and designated drivers.

12 Thursday

ART

Eureka Photoshop Users Group Show Opening. Upstairs Gallery, 1063 G Street, Arcata. Celebrating its 20th anniversary with a photography show in September and October during the bank's regular business hours.

Figure Drawing at Synopsis. 7-9 p.m. Synopsis Collective, 1675 Union St., Eureka. With a live model. Bring your own art supplies. Call to contact Clint. \$5. synopsisperformance.com. (707) 362-9392.

BOOKS

Banned Books Club Reads *Maus: A Survivor's Tale*. 6-7 p.m. Arcata Library, 500 Seventh St. Discussion of the graphic novel by Art Spiegelman and its banning. Ages 18+ due to content. Free. sparsons@co.. (707) 822-5954.

FOOD

Henderson Center Certified Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Henderson Center, Henderson near F Street, Eureka. Fruits and vegetables, baked goods, jams, nursery plants, music and hot food vendors. No pets allowed, but trained, ADA certified, service animals are welcome. CalFresh EBT customers receive a market match at every farmers market. Free. info@northcoastgrowersassociation.org. northcoastgrowersassociation.org/hendersoncenter.html. (707) 441-9999.

McKinleyville Certified Farmers Market. Eureka Natural Foods, McKinleyville, 2165 Central Ave. Fruits and vegetables, music and hot food vendors. No pets, but trained, ADA certified, service animals are welcome. CalFresh EBT customers are able to receive a market match. Free. info@northcoastgrowersassociation.org. northcoastgrowersassociation.org/mckinleyville.html. (707) 441-9999.

MEETINGS

Humboldt Handweavers and Spinners Guild. 7-9 p.m. Wharfinger Building, 1 Marina Way, Eureka. Refreshments and a meet and greet begin at 6:45 p.m. Featured speaker Nancy Kennedy discusses her many years of weaving

rugs, and bring samples to view. The meeting is open to all. Free. hhsguild.org. (707) 362-7624.

OUTDOORS

Nature Quest. 3-6 p.m. Headwaters Forest Reserve, End of Elk River Road, 6 miles off U.S. Highway 101, Eureka. Explore trails and share mindfulness practices, group conversation and other eco-therapeutic activities. Transportation available for Eureka residents. Call to pre-register. Free. chaskell@eurekaca.gov. eurekaheroes.org. (707) 382-5338.

SPORTS

Lost Coast Cornhole League Night. Second Thursday of every month, 6-10 p.m. Fortuna Veterans Hall/Memorial Building, 1426 Main St. Monthly league nights are open to all ages and skill levels. Registration opens at 5 p.m. Games at 6 p.m. Different format each week. Bags are available to borrow if you do not own a set. Drinks available at the Canteen. Outside food OK. \$15. mike@buffaloboard.com.

13 Friday

ART

Call to Yarns. 2:30-4 p.m. Arcata Library, 500 Seventh St. Drop in, chat, relax and share knowhow. Open to all interested in fiber arts or needleworking of any kind. Free.. (707) 822-5954.

For the Love of Animals Art Show Reception. 6-7 p.m. Gene Lucas Community Center, 3300 Newburg Ave., Fortuna. Reception for an animal-themed art show. glccenter.org.

Life Drawing Sessions. 10 a.m.-noon. Redwood Art Association Gallery, 603 F St., Eureka. Hosted by Joyce Jonté. \$10, cash or Venmo.

BOOKS

Weekly Preschool Story Time. Eureka Library, 1313 Third St. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in the children's room. For children 2 to 6 years old with their

caregivers. Other family members are welcome to join in the fun. Free. manthony@co.humboldt.ca.us. humlib.org. (707) 269-1910.

MUSIC

Rodney Atkins. 8-9:30 p.m. Bear River Recreation Center, 265 Keisner Road, Loleta. Country music. Hits include "Watching You" and "These Are My People." Chad Bushnell opens. \$59. Allykennedy@bearrivercasino.com. bearrivercasino.com/headliners-special-events/. (707) 733-9644.

THEATER

Blithe Spirit. 7:30 p.m. Ferndale Repertory Theatre, 447 Main St. Noel Coward's witty and haunting comedy about a novelist whose séance brings back the ghost of his first wife. Through Oct. 6. \$18, \$16 students/seniors, a \$2 Historical Building Preservation fee will be added to each ticket. ferndalerep.org.

Phoenix Rising. 7-9:45 p.m. Redwood Playhouse, 286 Sprowel Creek Road, Garberville. Celebrate Southern Humboldt's resilience with an outdoor fair featuring music, puppets and workshops. Later, enjoy a collaborative show with local performers. Fair is free, evening shows are \$10-\$20 sliding scale. joshua@redwoodplayhouse.org. phoenixrising.redwoodplayhouse.org/.

EVENTS

Food Truck Fridays at Carlson Park. Every other Friday, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Carlson Park, 5201 Carlson Park Drive, Arcata. Carlson Park reopens with Food Truck Fridays, featuring local vendors and family activities. New play structure and pickleball courts. Enjoy music, games and food. Free.

FOR KIDS

Chess Club for Kids. 2-3:30 p.m. Arcata Library, 500 Seventh St. Bring your own chess set if you have one. Players of all abilities are welcome. Free. (707) 822-5954.

Kid's Night at the Museum. 5:30-8 p.m. Redwood Discovery Museum, 612 G St., Eureka. Drop off your 3.5-12 year old for interactive exhibits, science experiments, crafts and games, exploring the planetarium, playing in

the water table or jumping into the soft blocks. \$17-\$20. info@discovery-museum.org. discovery-museum.org/classesprograms.html. (707) 443-9694.

Storytime in Spanish/Tiempo de Cuentos en Español. 3:30-4 p.m. Fortuna Library, 753 14th St. *Vamos a celebrar la alfabetización temprana con cuentos y canciones en español. El programa es diseñado para niños de edades 2-6 y sus padres, pero también nos pueden acompañar otros miembros de la familia.* Celebrating early literacy with stories and songs in Spanish. For children ages 2-6 and their parents or caregivers, but other family members are welcome. Free. (707) 725-3460.

Weekly Preschool Storytime. Eureka Library, 1313 Third St. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in the children's room. For children 2 to 6 years old with their caregivers and other family members. Free. manthony@co.humboldt.ca.us. humboldtgov.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=8274. (707) 269-1910.

FOOD

Garberville Farmers Market. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Garberville Town Square, Church Street. Meat, eggs, produce, oysters, plants, mushrooms, jam, hot food and art. No pets are allowed, but trained, ADA certified, service animals are welcome. CalFresh EBT customers are able to receive a market match at every farmers market. (707) 441-9999.

MEETINGS

Language Exchange Meetup. Second Friday of every month, 5-7 p.m. Richards' Goat Tavern & Tea Room, 401 I St., Arcata. Speak your native language. Teach someone a language. Learn a language. richardsgoat.com. (925) 214-8099.

14 Saturday

BOOKS

Fire Truck Storytime. 11-11:45 a.m. Arcata Library, 500 Seventh St. Arcata's brave firefighters will visit the library in their bright red fire truck to read books and join Ms. Sue and Sunshine the Chicken in shaker egg and rhythm stick fun. Sponsored by First Five Humboldt and Cal Poly Humboldt. Free. (707) 822-5954.

LECTURE

Sea Level Rise in Lower Elk River and South Bay Communities. 2-4 p.m. Humboldt Grange #501, 5845 Humboldt Hill Road, Eureka. Speakers talk about Humboldt Bay historical and future changes, Fields Landing development plans, and Elk River habitat restoration amid logging concerns. Q&A follows. Free. friendsofelkriv-er95503@gmail.com. (707) 499-9639.

MUSIC

Blunts. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Hip-hop, reggae and old-school dancestep. \$20, \$15 early bird. info@arcatatheatre.com. facebook.com/events/1780174669445707/. (707) 613-3030.

Busk and Bloom. 12-2 p.m. Eureka Florist & Fine Gifts, 524 Henderson St. Talented musicians from Humboldt County. Free. eurekafloristanddesign@gmail.com. eurekaflorist.net. (707) 443-4811.

Cal Poly Humboldt Welcome Concert. 7:30 p.m. Fulkerson Recital Hall, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. The Department of Dance, Music and Theatre presents faculty performing instrumental duos and solos. The program includes works by diverse composers, from Baroque to contemporary. \$20, \$5 children and CPH students w/ID. mus@humboldt.edu.

Daniela Mineva and Tom Stone. 7:30 p.m. Fortuna Monday Club, 610 Main St. An evening of classical violin

sonatas by Beethoven, Mozart and others. Piano and violin. \$15.

Full Circle: The Journey. 7 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. And evening of tango and choro music. \$25, \$20 seniors/students. info@arcataplayhouse.org. play-housearts.org. (707) 822-1575.

Jimmy Dale Surf Trio. 7:30 p.m. The Old Steeple, 246 Berding St., Ferndale. Surf music. Local surf band The Starhoppers will open the show. \$25.

Rosewater Presents: Dead Ahead. 4:30-8:30 p.m. Eureka Theater, 612 F St. Local Grateful Dead tribute band opens with an acoustic set before a showing of an iconic Grateful Dead concert film. Music at 4:30 p.m. Movie at 5:45 p.m. \$10, \$5 kids 12 years and under. info@theeurekatheater.com. eventbrite.com/o/eureka-theater-68272041213. (707) 442-2970.

SPOKEN WORD

Redwood Poetry Festival. 6:30-9:30 p.m. The Historic Eagle House, 139 Second St., Eureka. An evening of music and poetry featuring Zera Starchild, Anna Martinez, Elizabeth Hassler, Lorenzo Almond, Susanna Gibson, Riley White, Wil Gibson, Moth Taylor, Jennifer Dabbs and others. \$10. events@historiceaglehouse.com. ticketstripe.com/poetryattheeaglehouse. (707) 444-3344.

THEATER

Blithe Spirit. 7:30 p.m. Ferndale Repertory Theatre, 447 Main St. See Sept. 13 listing.

Phoenix Rising. 2-6:30 & 7-9:45 p.m. Redwood Playhouse, 286 Sprowel Creek Road, Garberville. See Sept. 13 listing.

EVENTS

Corks, Forks and Kegs. 3-7 p.m. Central Avenue, McKinleyville, Central Avenue. Annual beer and wine walk with food tastings put on by the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce. \$50, \$45 pre-sale, \$25-\$30 designated driver. jesse@mckinleyvillechamber.com. mckinleyvillechamber.com/member-services/corks-forks-kegs. (707) 839-2449.

Parking Lot Sale- Volunteer Gift Shop and Farmstand. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mad River Hospital, 3800 Janes Road, Arcata. Holiday merchandise, plushies, toys, home decor, books and MRCH'S fresh vegetables grown on its farm. Free. jbishop-mcough@madriverhospital.com. (707) 822-7220.

Quilting at Freshwater Grange. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Freshwater Grange, 48 Grange Road. Work on projects already started or something new with fellow quilters. Bring your patterns, fabric and sewing equipment. \$15, \$5 grange members. freshwaterhall@gmail.com. freshwatergrange.com. (707) 443-5264.

FOR KIDS

Second Saturday Family Arts Day. 2-4 p.m. Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka. Share your own family's cultures, customs and celebrations through illustration inspired by the storytelling works of artist Lida Penkova's exhibition "Living in Different Worlds and Painting Them." \$5 suggested, free for kids. humboldtarts.org.

FOOD

Arcata Plaza Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Humboldt-grown and GMO-free produce along with plants, meats and other products. Live music.

Pancake Breakfast. Second Saturday of every month, 9 a.m.-noon. Salvation Army, 2123 Tydd St., Eureka. Fundraiser to benefit the local community. Pancakes, sausage, eggs and coffee. \$8, children/seniors \$5. stephanie.wonnacott@usw.salvationarmy.org. (707) 442-6475.

GARDEN

Sequoia Park Ivy League. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sequoia Park, 3414

W St., Eureka. Help remove invasive ivy. Drop in. Meet at the Glatt Street Fountain at T Street. All supplies and training provided. Kids need to be accompanied and managed by their guardian/s. Free. hatwood@eurekaca.gov. facebook.com/events/458965996748166/. (707) 441-4218.

MEETINGS

Woodturners Meeting. Second Saturday of every month, 1-3 p.m. Almquist Lumber Company, 5301 Boyd Road, Arcata. Beginning and experienced turners exchange ideas, instruction and techniques. Themed project demo, show-and-tell opportunities and Q&A. This month's topic is: Christmas ornaments. Free. red-coastturners@gmail.com. (707) 633-8147.

OUTDOORS

Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Bird Walk. 8:30-11 a.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, South I Street. Bring binoculars and meet trip leader Cindy Moyer at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) for incredible views of Humboldt Bay, easy-to-walk trails and a great diversity of birdlife. Free. rras.org.

California Biodiversity Day Tour No. 5. 2-3:30 p.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretive Center, 569 S. G St. FOAM ends its celebration of California Diversity Day/Week with a Plant Biodiversity tour led by Barbara Reisman. No pre-registration is required; all ages are welcome. Meet in front of the center, rain or shine. Free. info@arcatamarshfriends.org. (707) 826-2359.

Dune Restoration Volunteer Day. Second Saturday of every month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane, Manila. Restore the biodiversity of the coastal dunes with the team. Snacks and tools provided. Meet at the center a few minutes before 10 a.m. Free. info@friendsofthedunes.org. friendsofthedunes.org. (707) 444-1397.

Habitat Improvement Team Volunteer Workday. Second Saturday of every month, 9 a.m.-noon. Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, 1020 Ranch Road, Loleta. Help restore habitat by removing invasive, non-native plants and maintaining native plant areas. Wear long pants, long sleeves and closed-toe shoes. Bring drinking water. Tools, gloves and snack provided. denise_seeger@fws.gov. fws.gov/refuge/humboldt-bay. (707) 733-5406.

Habitat Restoration Volunteer Work Day. 9 a.m.-noon. Trinidad State Beach, Trinidad State Beach. Volunteers work with park staff to remove invasive species such as English ivy. Gloves and tools provided. Participants receive a free day pass to Sue-meg State Park. Wind/rain/smoke may cancel. Please meet at the corner of Stagecoach and Anderson roads. Free. michelle.forys@parks.ca.gov. (707) 677-3109.

We Serve To Remember. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dream Quest, 100 Country Club Drive, Willow Creek. Trash pick up in and around Willow Creek. To remember those who were injured or died during the terrorist attacks in the United States on Sept. 11, 2001. Meet at Dream Quest. dreamquestwillowcreek.org.

SPORTS

Bocce Ball Tournament. 9:45 a.m. Ferndale Firemen's Park, 100 Berding St. Hosted by Ferndale Rotary Club. Sponsored by Lost Coast Brewery.

ETC

The Bike Library. 12-4 p.m. The Bike Library, 1286 L St., Arcata. Hands-on repair lessons and general maintenance, used bicycles and parts for sale. Donations of parts and bicycles gladly accepted. nothingtoseehere@riseup.net.

Thursday-Friday-Saturday Canteen. 3-9 p.m. Redwood Empire VFW Post 1872, 1018 H St., Eureka. Enjoy a cold

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beverage in the canteen with comrades. Play pool or darts. If you're a veteran, this place is for you. Free. PearceHansen999@outlook.com. (707) 443-5331.

15 Sunday

ART

Trinidad Artisans Market. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Murphy's Market and Deli, Trinidad, 1 Main St. Art, crafts, live music and barbecue every Sunday through Sept. 13. Free. murphysmarkets.net. (707) 834-8720.

DANCE

Afro-Fusion Feel and Flow. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The Sanctuary, 1301 J St., Arcata. Explore and enjoy a fusion of West African movements from Guinea, Senegal, Liberia, Congo and Mali with the genre of Afro beats and traditional West African drumming. \$10-\$15. together@sanctuaryarcata.org. sanctuaryarcata.org. (707) 822-0898.

MOVIES

Mary Poppins (1964). 5-8 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Jane and Michael Banks are pleasantly surprised by the arrival of a magical nanny. All ages. \$8, \$12 admission and poster. info@arcatatheatre.com. facebook.com/events/1210778140060848/. (707) 613-3030.

MUSIC

The Crooked Jades. 7 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. Old-time music reimagined for a modern age. \$20. info@arcataplayhouse.org. arcataplayhouse.org. (707) 822-1575.

Melanie DeMore, Community Sing. 3-5 p.m. Redwood Park, top of 14th Street, Arcata. Community sing with Melanie DeMore, an inspirational social and musical activist. Free.

HBG's Summer Music Series. 1-3 p.m. Humboldt Botanical Garden, 7351 Tompkins Hill Road, College of the Redwoods campus, north entrance, Eureka. Enjoy live music in the garden every first and third Sunday through October. Sept. 15: Music by the Papa Haole and the Fleas. hbgf.org.

Wine and Jazz. Third Sunday of every month, 3-5 p.m. Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka. Monthly performance series highlighting Humboldt County performers. Regular admission. humboldtarts.org.

THEATER

Blithe Spirit. 2 p.m. Ferndale Repertory Theatre, 447 Main St. See Sept. 13 listing.

Phoenix Rising. 2-4:45 p.m. Redwood Playhouse, 286 Sprowel Creek Road, Garberville. See Sept. 13 listing.

EVENTS

Ferndale Concours on Main. 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Ferndale Main Street, Ferndale. See up to 100 collectible vehicles at the seventh annual SCCA-sanctioned event.

Blue Lake Sunday Social. 12-4 p.m. The Logger Bar, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. The Blue Lake Block Parties team presents food and artisan vendors, music, sunshine, farm stands and more every Sunday in September. bluelake-blockparties@gmail.com. facebook.com/LoggerBar.

Italian Festival and Bocce Tournament. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Redwood Fields Bocce Court, 2508 Fern Street, Eureka. Join the Sons and Daughters of Italy for food and fun. Free admission. Call to register your bocce team for the tournament. Free admission. (707) 445-5799.

Old Town Vintage Market. Third Sunday of every month, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. G Street Between Second and Third in Old Town Eureka, 211 G St. A day of local vintage clothing, art and craft vendors, food, music by DJ Goldylocks and more. hello@theredwoodretro.com. instagram.

com/p/C4SHqQauDOX/?img_index=1. (707) 601-9667.

FOR KIDS

Kinetic Classic. 12-2 p.m. Jefferson Community Center, 1000 B St., Eureka. A fun-filled day of creativity, engineering, and community spirit, where kids showcase their innovative kinetic sculptures in a kid version of the Kinetic Grand Championship. Cheer the young racers on as they tackle the obstacles and demonstrate their ingenuity.

FOOD

Food Not Bombs. 4 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Free, hot food for everyone. Mostly vegan and organic and always delicious. Free.

Mattole Grange Pancake Breakfast. 8-11 a.m. Mattole Grange Hall, 36512 Mattole Road, Petrolia. All the scratch pancakes you can eat, bacon and local sausage, organic eggs cooked as you like. Choice of coffee, organic milk and orange juice. \$15, \$5 for ages 6-11, free under 6. mattolegrangehall@gmail.com. www.mattolegrange.org. (707) 629-3421.

GARDEN

Workday at McKinleyville Botanical Garden. 2-4 p.m. Hiller Park, 795 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. Help restore the small community-driven garden. No experience needed, guidance provided. Learn about native plants and take home cuttings. Go west on Hiller Road to parking lot for Hammond Trail/Soccer Field/Dog Park. Garden is adjacent to children's playground.

OUTDOORS

Art and Nature at the Refuge. Third Sunday of every month, 1-4 p.m. Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, 1020 Ranch Road, Loleta. Art and nature exploration activities for all ages and abilities with monthly themes. Drop in between 1 and 4 p.m. Rain or shine. Free. denise_seeger@fws.gov. fws.gov/refuge/humboldt-bay. (707) 733-5406.

Dune Restoration Volunteer Days. Third Sunday of every month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Ma-le'l Dunes North, Young Lane, Arcata. Help restore the biodiversity of the coastal dunes with the Dune Ecosystem Restoration Team. No experience necessary. Snacks and tools provided. Meet at the Ma-le'l Dunes North parking lot a few minutes before 10 a.m. dante@friendsofthedunes.org. friendsofthedunes.org/dert-days. (707) 444-1397.

Eureka Waterfront Guided Birding Trip. Third Sunday of every month, 9-11 a.m. Eureka Waterfront, Foot of Del Norte Street. With leader Ralph Bucher. This relatively urban trail offers the potential to observe species abundance and diversity. Email to sign up. Free. thebook@reninet.com. rras.org.

16 Monday

ART

Life Drawing Sessions. 6-8 p.m. Redwood Art Association Gallery, 603 F St., Eureka. See Sept. 13 listing.

EVENTS

California Main Street Conference. Wharfinger Building, 1 Marina Way, Eureka. Three days of content, conversation and opportunities to connect with local and national experts. Sunset happy hour at Redwood Sky Walk, tour of Eureka's murals, and Art & Mingle at Morris Graves Museum. Walk up and online registration available. \$250 non-members, \$99 day pass. california-mainstreet.org/conference-2024.

FOOD

Dinner and Bingo. Third Monday of every month, 5-8 p.m. Van Duzen River Grange, 5250 State Route 36,

Carlotta. Enjoy a family-friendly dinner (menu changes monthly), then test your luck with bingo. All ages. \$10 dinner, \$10 for 10 bingo cards. vanduzengrange@gmail.com. instagram.com/vanduzengrange. (707) 296-4161.

Miranda Farmers Market. 2-6 p.m. Miranda Market, 6685 Avenue of the Giants. Fresh produce, mushrooms, beef and pork, eggs, honey, crafts, body products, jams and plants. (707) 441-9999.

SPORTS

Valley West Community Hoop Nights. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Valley West Park, Hallen Drive, Arcata. A month-long basketball program for all levels. Drills, skills challenges and fun basketball games to help improve your game and make new friends. Free.

ETC

Homesharing Info Session. 9:30-10 a.m. and 1-1:30 p.m. This informational Zoom session will go over the steps and safeguards of Area 1 Agency on Aging's matching process and the different types of homeshare partnerships. Email for the link. Free. homeshare@alaa.org. alaa.org/homesharing. (707) 442-3763.

17 Tuesday

EVENTS

California Main Street Conference. Wharfinger Building, 1 Marina Way, Eureka. See Sept. 16 listing.

DAR Bells Across America. 12:45-1:10 p.m. Fortuna Veterans Hall/Memorial Building, 1426 Main St. The Eel River Valley Chapter hosts a bell ringing ceremony to celebrate the 237th anniversary of the United States Constitution. Bells ring at 1 p.m. sharp for one minute. Bells provided. becdave@aol.com. eelrivervally@gmail.com. (707) 682-6836.

FOOD

Fortuna Certified Farmers Market. 3-6 p.m. 10th and Main streets, 10th and Main streets, Fortuna. Fruits and vegetables, crafts, music and hot food vendors. No pets allowed, but trained, ADA certified, service animals welcome. CalFresh EBT customers receive a market match at every farmers market. Free. info@northcoastgrowersassociation.org. northcoastgrowersassociation.org/fortuna.html. (707) 441-9999.

Old Town Certified Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Old Town Gazebo, Second and F streets, Eureka. Fruits and vegetables, bread, donuts, jam, crafts and live music. No pets, but trained, ADA certified, service animals are welcome. CalFresh EBT customers are able to receive a market match at every farmers market. Free. info@northcoastgrowersassociation.org. northcoastgrowersassociation.org/oldtown.html. (707) 441-9999.

Shelter Cove Farmers Market. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Gyppo Ale Mill, 1661 Upper Pacific Drive, Shelter Cove. In-season produce, veggie starts, plants, grass-fed beef, pastured poultry and eggs, flowers, soap, herbal products and arts and crafts. gyppo.com. (707) 441-9999.

MEETINGS

Humboldt Cribbage Club Tournament. 6:15-9 p.m. Moose Lodge, 4328 Campton Road, Eureka. Weekly six-game cribbage tournament for experienced players. Inexperienced players may watch, learn and play on the side. Moose dinner available at 5:30 p.m. \$3-\$8. 31for14@gmail.com. (707) 599-4605.

Parent Project. 6-8 p.m. Gene Lucas Community Center, 3300 Newburg Ave., Fortuna. A 10-week series on improving relationships, effective discipline to improve school attendance and performance, reduce substance use and negative peer influences, and address destruc-

tive behavior. Meet other parents in similar situations in a judgement-free zone and develop a new support system. Free. fortunatc@bgcredwoods.org. glccenter.org. (707) 617-8160.

SPORTS

Women's Soccer League. 6-7 p.m. Arcata Sports Complex, 321 Community Park Way. Fall Women's League with Humboldt Soccer League. All skill levels welcome. The pickup-style games mean teams are mixed up every week. \$20 for the six-game season. humboldtsoccerleague@gmail.com. humboldtsoccerleague.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1034659.

ETC

English Express: An English Language Class for Adults. Virtual World, Online. Build English language confidence in ongoing online and in-person classes. All levels and first languages welcome. Join anytime. Pre-registration not required. Free. englishexpressemastered.com. (707) 443-5021.

18 Wednesday

BOOKS

Family Storytime. Third Wednesday of every month, 3:30 p.m. Blue Lake Library, 111 Greenwood Ave. Enjoy stories with local storyteller Kit Mann every third Wednesday of the month. For children of all ages with their caregivers and other family members. Free. humlib.org. (707) 668-4207.

Storytime with Ms. Sue and Sunshine the Chicken. 11-11:30 a.m. Arcata Library, 500 Seventh St. See Sept. 14 listing.

LECTURE

EWC Program: Humboldt Domestic Violence Services. 12:30-1:15 p.m. Eureka Woman's Club, 1531 J St. Jasper Larkins and Emely Velez from Humboldt Domestic Violence Services speak about their organization. ewc@eureka-womansclub.org. eureka-womansclub.org. (707) 442-3458.

Let's talk about Palestine and Israel Community Conversation. 5:30 p.m. Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. Cal Poly Humboldt and College of the Redwoods teachers and students, local faith leaders and county community members discuss the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. A free community dinner will be served. Speakers include CR President Keith Flamer, Rabbi Naomi Steinberg, Prof. Kathy Lee, Fr. Daniel London, Imam Abubakr. Free. sara.hart@humboldt.edu. forms.office.com/r/KtNODnecxE.

MOVIES

Sci-Fi Night: The Fifth Element (1997). 6-9 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. In the future, a cab driver is pulled into the search for a legendary cosmic weapon against evil. \$6, \$10 admission and poster. info@arcatatheatre.com. facebook.com/events/3490077691284090/. (707) 613-3030.

EVENTS

California Main Street Conference. Wharfinger Building, 1 Marina Way, Eureka. See Sept. 16 listing.

FOR KIDS

Quack N' Wabbit Family Literacy Tour. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Eureka Library, 1313 Third St. Teaching through puppet art with great messages and useful life skills. Presenting the musical show "Froggie and the Ribbits Speak Out." Free. literacyhelpers@gmail.com. humlib.org. (707) 445-3655.

MEETINGS

Mother's Support Circle. Third Wednesday of every

month, 10 a.m.-noon. The Ink People Center for the Arts, 627 Third St., Eureka. Mother's Village circle for mothers with a meal and childcare. \$15 to attend, \$10 childcare, sliding scale spots available. (707) 633-3143.

SPORTS

Valley West Community Hoop Nights. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Valley West Park, Hallen Drive, Arcata. See Sept. 16 listing.

19 Thursday

ART

Figure Drawing at Synopsis. 7-9 p.m. Synopsis Collective, 1675 Union St., Eureka. See Sept. 12 listing.

LECTURE

Let's Talk About Palestine and Israel: A Community Conversation. 5:30 p.m. Wharfinger Building, 1 Marina Way, Eureka. Cal Poly Humboldt and College of the Redwoods teachers and students, local faith leaders and county community members discuss the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. A free community dinner will be served. Speakers: Provost Jenn Capps, Rev. Molly Cade, Prof. Kathy Lee, Dan Shahin and Rabbi Bob Rottenberg. Free. sara.hart@humboldt.edu. forms.office.com/r/KtNODnecxE.

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FOOD

Henderson Center Certified Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Henderson Center, Henderson near F Street, Eureka. See Sept. 12 listing.

McKinleyville Certified Farmers Market. Eureka Natural Foods, McKinleyville, 2165 Central Ave. See Sept. 12 listing.

MEETINGS

Writers Group. Third Thursday of every month, 5-6:30 p.m. Christ Episcopal Church, 1428 H St., Eureka. Writers share all types of writing and get assistance from one another. Drop-ins welcome. Not faith based. Free.

OUTDOORS

Nature Quest. 3-6 p.m. Headwaters Forest Reserve, End of Elk River Road, 6 miles off U.S. Highway 101, Eureka. See Sept. 12 listing.

SPORTS

Lost Coast Cornhole League Night. Third Thursday of every month, 6-10 p.m. Fortuna Veterans Hall/Memorial Building, 1426 Main St. See Sept. 12 listing.

Heads Up ...

The Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center seeks weekend volunteers to stay open. Weekend shifts are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1 to 5 p.m., and include welcoming visitors, bookstore register and answering questions. You must be at least 18, complete paperwork and fingerprinting (free through Arcata Police). One-on-one training. Call (707) 826-2359 or e-mail amic@cityofarcata.org.

Become a volunteer at Hospice of Humboldt. For more information about becoming a volunteer or about services provided by Hospice of Humboldt, call (707) 267-9813 or visit hospiceofhumboldt.org.

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REBEL RIDGE. It may seem silly or outmoded to continue to subscribe to the auteur theory. It is, after all, a 70-ish-year-old French construct whereby a bunch of critics who wanted to make movies could attribute the success or failure of a project to a person's singular vision; seems almost quaintly mid-century, almost without the death-smell of late-stage capitalism. The very notion is fallacious, an exercise in ongoing, active cognitive dissonance that ignores the definitively collaborative nature of filmmaking as an artform in order to elevate the individual. It is also, or at least has been, a predominately chauvinistic, exclusionary school of thought, so that's not great either.

But I would like to think that our collective thinking, or whatever miniscule proportion of it is ever dedicated to such ephemeral nonsense, is subject to change and growth. Which is to suggest, in this context, that while the notion of authorship of something as necessarily multifarious and happily accidental as the making of movie may be arcane and prejudicially simplistic, we may not all want our entertainments homogenized, rendered unto us by committees within committees or a self-justifying process.

I'm tilting at windmills and complaining about centralization and commodification again, but I do it in service of art that defies our recent norms while also fitting into the nebulous frame of cinema in the 21st century as a work in progress. I'm as prone to misplaced nostalgia as anyone, but I also subscribe to the notion that where and what we are, including the entertainment by which we define and/or distract ourselves, is all part of a continuum. Keeping an eye on the past as a measure of forward progress might seem regressive, but it might also be the only landmark we've got.

Jeremy Saulnier (*Blue Ruin*, 2013; *Green Room*, 2015) tends toward the more erudite end of the spectrum of contemporary violence auteurs — most of them

American and white — who have managed to make and sustain careers of their particular type of popular entertainment. None of them works alone, of course, and it would be a folly to discredit their collaborators, but they are among an old and endangered species of popular artists who can continue to make and distribute their own projects for an ostensibly wider audience than ever.

With *Rebel Ridge*, a notably modest follow-up to the mildly supernatural, Alaska-set *Hold the Dark* (2018), Saulnier (who writes, directs and edits) continues his exploration of vengeance, wrath and the American experiment with a *First Blood/Rolling Thunder*-adjacent story about institutional racism, malfeasance by law enforcement and the increasingly stultifying atmosphere of rural communities in this country.

Having liquidated his assets for a gravel bike and a takeout bag full of cash, Terry Richmond (Aaron Pierre) has a strict deadline with a county clerk to bail his cousin out of jail. Before the rescue can get underway, though, Terry finds himself detained without charge by the town's sweaty, beady-eyed cops. His legally gotten tender seized as drug proceeds, he is left with seemingly nothing to either help his cousin or combat systemic injustice. But Terry is a person of singular means and a willingness to bring war to power.

From my perspective, Saulnier's previous project, while brutal and frequently beautifully executed, tried to reach beyond the simple elegance of his best work. Not to say it was unsuccessful; rather an experimental expansion that might have diluted its own sauce with some misbegotten grandiosity. But *Rebel Ridge*, for its apparent simplicity and its occasional similarity to a certain recent Amazon series about a giant do-gooder who is certainly not Tom Cruise, returns to the themes and techniques that have made Saulnier a writer and director of great interest. Understated, but with a distinct look, tone



This is not how Tubbs raised you, Crockett.
Rebel Ridge

and methodology, it doles out violence at a satisfying clip, with the bad guys getting theirs often and savagely enough to elicit the occasional, involuntary “yuss.”

By most lights, this is an exercise in pure action, but it departs from the modern norm, whereby that action is so frequently limited to horror or “live action” (read: overwhelmingly artificial) comic book adaptations. Its violence is in service of a story and is carried off with a distinct vision and devotion to the reality rendered by that vision.

The powers that be don't really give awards for stunt work or fight choreography; this is old news. But we as an audience may have also forgotten, to some extent, that the action genre, the cinema of violence, contains multitudes. The quality and our experience thereof will, of course, vary as wildly as one's moods. But there are still devotees out there, Saulnier among them, plying the trade and giving us what we may not have realized we wanted. 131M. NETFLIX. ●

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ANSWERS NEXT WEEK!

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1. A, in Spain

4. Removes, as a hat

9. Word before bod or joke

12. State of danger

15. Allotted portion

16. Soccer stadium cheer

17. Aerosmith lead singer who announced his retirement from touring this year

19. Took the prize

20. “You’re totally wrong”

21. Made-up big number in Hobbit lore

23. Allow

24. Reggae singer — Kamoze

26. It’s in the loop

27. Bitten by the acting bug, maybe

33. Where funambulist walk

34. Court

35. Grammy winner
- Black

38. “Mr. Blue Sky” band

39. Gave an edge to

41. Diaphragmatic spasm noise

42. Trample

44. Heat sensor on the range?

50. Party spoiler

51. Take to court

52. “Son ___ Critch” (Canadian sitcom)

53. Like ungulates such as pigs, hippos, and giraffes (but who’s counting?)

57. Concoct

59. German definite article

60. “Let me blow off some steam,” or the reason for five other Across theme answers?

62. Verb ender

63. “Hot in Herre” rapper
- DOWN

64. Tough-to-find character

65. Printers’ dash lengths

66. “Evening Shade” narrator Davis

67. Tajikistan, previously, for short

18. Italian grandma inhabitant

22. Middle-earth inhabitant

25. Words after “as” that, on their own, look grammatically incorrect

28. Baron ___ Rightofthen (playable character in the 1984 Trivial Pursuit arcade game)

29. NHL player in Edmonton

30. Many charity golf tournaments

31. Sturgeon eggs

32. “The ___ Squad”

35. Comedian Margaret

36. 54, in Roman numerals

37. Glacier breakaways

39. Keyboarder’s base (index fingers on F and J)

40. “___ Punch Man”

42. Last word of an HBO megahit

43. Have reservations

45. Smoking alternative, ages ago

46. Pizzeria owner Jim who founded a frozen-pizza manufacturing company

47. Linen closet items

48. Money in an online wallet, e.g.

49. “Jurassic Park” predator

53. Falco who appears in the “Avatar” sequels

54. Type of diagrams appreciated by Kamala Harris

55. Squiggly fish

56. Salami source

58. Longoria on the current season of “Only Murders in the Building”

61. Turn eggs green, perhaps

LAST WEEK’S ANSWERS TO INSIDE OUT

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The Not-So Incredible Shrinking Brain

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“The brain is a 3-pound mass you can hold in your hand that can conceive of a universe 100 billion light-years across.”
— Marian Diamond, neuroscientist

In 2021, a peer-reviewed scientific study made headlines in the popular press: Human brains shrunk by about 5 percent between 5,000 and 3,000 years ago. Taken at face value, this is pretty shocking, since back then our ancestors were just starting to deal with the complexities of city-states, writing and large-scale food production. If anything, you’d think brains would increase in size to compensate for a more sophisticated lifestyle than simply hunting and gathering in small, tight-knit communities. As we’ll see, the study’s conclusions aren’t quite so cut and dried as originally presented.

Seven million years ago, *Sahelanthropus*, the newly bipedal creatures that would eventually spawn you and me, had brains about a quarter the volume of modern humans, that is, about 350 cubic centimeters (cc) compared with around 1,400 cc today. By the time of *Homo habilis* some 2 million years ago, brains were 600 cc, doubling in size in the next million years to around 1,200 cc (*Homo heidelbergensis*) before settling down with our species, *Homo sapiens*, 300,000 years ago, at around 1,400 cc.

Oddly, Neanderthal brains were even larger, up to 1,750 cc, begging the question: Doesn’t a bigger brain mean greater intelligence? Neanderthals were smart, with more clues to their intelligence found regularly. We know, for instance, they created jewelry, buried their dead and made sophisticated spear points and other stone tools. That is, they were probably as smart as the contemporaneous people that became us, only dying out due to outside circumstances, perhaps falling prey to diseases carried by *Homo sapiens*. (You’re probably carrying 2-4 percent



Autopsied human brain. Does all that folding and furrowing make us smarter?

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of Neanderthal genes, so they didn’t go entirely extinct.)

In any case, brain size isn’t everything. A sperm whale has the largest brain in the animal kingdom — 18 pounds of brain to control a 45-ton beast — so clearly a larger body needs more brain-power. What makes more sense is to compare brain-to-body weight ratio, which is about 1:5,000 for the sperm whale, compared with about 1:40 for humans and rodents. The record holder is a tiny ant, *Brachymyrmex*, whose brain to body mass is 1:8. And having a large brain comes at a cost; in humans, for instance, our 3-pound brains — that is, about 1/50 of our weight — are metaphorical gas guzzlers, since about 25 percent of our total metabolism goes to the brain.

Back to the incredible shrinking brain. Turns out, data used by the original researchers was skewed, comparing apples to oranges and weighting the results with too many measurements of skulls from just the last 100 years. When corrected for flaws, the data shows no recent reduction in brain volume. As Brian Villimoare, one of the anthropologists who re-analyzed the original study, put it, “... based on this data set, we can identify no reduction in brain size in modern humans over any time period since the origins of our species.”

But even if they had shrunk, big brains don’t automatically mean more intelligence. One theory holds that our brains got more convoluted as they squeezed into skulls, resulting in previously unlinked neurons becoming connected — perhaps leading to speech or fancier tools or artistry? That is, maybe the evolution of this stuff in our skulls is more about better-connected brains than bigger brains. ●

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109-051-001-000	CHING, DORIS L & RAYMOND Y C	\$2,412.22
030-101-014-000	CHRISTIE, PATRICIA A	\$15,534.67
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214-232-007-000	CLARK, PATRICIA A	\$29,646.42
212-015-031-000	CLEAVES, CAMERON L & GUILLETTE, CATHRYN C & RUBY W	\$6,213.76
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033-331-001-000	COLLINS, MARJORIE E	\$397.50
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216-023-010-000	CONTRERAS, JAMES C	\$7,729.06
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053-161-018-000	CORTAZAR, JAMES	\$694.90
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006-142-011-000	CRAWFORD, BRYAN	\$690.48
033-011-008-000	CREERY, SHAWN M	\$1,508.39
033-011-010-000	CREERY, SHAWN M	\$4,353.20
033-011-012-000	CREERY, SHAWN M	\$1,270.97

110-281-038-000	CROSSLEY, ROBBIE M & MAGGIE A / EVANS-FREKE, VALARIE	\$2,424.71
201-232-001-000	CRUZ, CASEY J	\$18,487.13
511-052-036-000	DANIELS, JASON C & GOMES, AMANDA M	\$5,253.83
015-131-016-000	DAVIS, ROBERT E & WENDY K	\$1,064.96
529-341-024-000	DELANEY, WILLIAM F / DELANEY, WILLIAM F TRUST OF 2018	\$6,617.80
211-373-032-000	DEMARCE, YVONNE M	\$8,609.91
109-131-010-000	DEVITO, SEAN	\$2,797.98
200-251-041-000	DIAZ, JESUS	\$1,005.69
401-244-005-000	DINSMORE, EDITH A	\$676.08
306-311-020-000	DIXON, VERDUN E & MILDRED N	\$12,894.61
208-241-006-000	DNA REALTY HOLDINGS LLC	\$25,239.74
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109-191-015-000	DOWELL, STEPHEN L	\$6,152.30
516-371-039-000	EBEN, DOLLY J M & JASON D/ TRIPP, JASPER E	\$4,397.34
302-171-039-000	EGG ROCK REAL ESTATE LLC	\$217,608.23
218-011-002-000	ENGLE, DAVID L	\$19,509.98
534-131-025-000	ERICKSON, ROCKY/ BABY Z TRUST & GIBBENS BROS LOGGING CONTRACTORS	\$2,009.40
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522-174-015-000	FERRARA, KAI	\$10,174.84
522-271-041-000	FERRARA, KAI	\$2,383.22
216-381-017-000	FESER, BENJAMIN & CHRISTIE	\$3,771.43
216-381-018-000	FESER, BENJAMIN & CHRISTIE	\$4,086.85
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104-112-015-000	FIELDER, DALE V & CAROL/ FIELDER, RICHARD & MARILYN	\$764.42
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208-341-023-000	FLOYD, ALEXANDER ROBERT & JACKIE MARLEANA	\$27,732.86
105-162-035-000	FOREVERGREEN PROPERTIES LLC	\$13,626.36
105-162-010-000	FOREVERGREEN PROPERTIES LLC	\$5,822.73
303-101-005-000	FORSTER-GILL INC & ROBINSON, GLORIA & DUNN, JENNIFER & TRENTON W	\$11,795.55
216-107-003-000	CAUDLE, GEORGE/ CAUDLE, JANET/ FOSS, CELIA S/ FOSS, CHARLES R/ FOSS, FAM TRUST/ HANSEN, DEBRA H/ HANSEN, TORBEN F/ HANSEN, TORBEN F AND DEBRA H LIV TR/ JORDANO, GERD/ JORDANO LIV TRUST/ JORDANO, PETER C/ KEMP, JUDY C/ KEMP, MICHAEL A AND JUDY C FAM TRUST/ KEMP, MICHAEL A/ LINDROS, EDDIE L/ LINDROS FAM TRUST/ LINDROS, JOYCE E/ PETERSON, WILLIAM F/ PETERSON, WILLIAM F TRUST/ SIMSON, JOHN/ SIMSON, SUZANNE/ STRAIT, MARIE ANN/ STRAIT, MARIE ANN LIV TRUST	\$4,918.06

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218-161-010-000	CAUDLE, GEORGE/ CAUDLE, JANET/ FOSS, CELIA S/ FOSS, CHARLES R/ FOSS FAM TRUST/ HANSEN, DEBRA H/ HANSEN, TORBEN F/ HANSEN, TORBEN F & DEBRA H LIV TR/ JORDANO, GERD/ JORDANO LIV TRUST/ JORDANO, PETER C/ KEMP, JUDY C/ KEMP, MICHAEL A & JUDY C FAM TRUST/ KEMP, MICHAEL A/ LINDROS, EDDIE L/ LINDROS FAM TRUST/ LINDROS, JOYCE E/ PETERSON, WILLIAM F/ PETERSON, WILLIAM F TRUST/ SIMSON, JOHN/ SIMSON, SUZANNE/ STRAIT, MARIE ANN/ STRAIT, MARIE ANN LIV TRUST	\$9,407.42
218-161-011-000	CAUDLE, GEORGE/ CAUDLE, JANET/ FOSS, CELIA S/ FOSS, CHARLES R/ FOSS FAM TRUST/ HANSEN, DEBRA H/ HANSEN, TORBEN F/ HANSEN, TORBEN F AND DEBRA H LIV TR/ JORDANO, GERD/ JORDANO LIV TRUST/ JORDANO, PETER C/ KEMP, JUDY C/ KEMP, MICHAEL A AND JUDY C FAM TRUST/ KEMP, MICHAEL A/ LINDROS, EDDIE L/ LINDROS FAM TRUST/ LINDROS, JOYCE E/ PETERSON, WILLIAM F/ PETERSON, WILLIAM F TRUST/ SIMSON, JOHN/ SIMSON, SUZANNE/ STRAIT, MARIE ANN/ STRAIT, MARIE ANN LIV TRUST	\$3,246.85
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220-301-011-000	FRENCH, JENNIFER	\$15,585.06
081-032-001-000	FRIENDS OF MYERS FLAT FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$4,573.00
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081-032-009-000	FRIENDS OF MYERS FLAT FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$5,510.70
306-121-044-000	FRYE, TAJ K	\$17,351.42
305-041-046-000	GAMA ESTATE LLC	\$15,855.70
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107-124-005-000	GEOVANY, SILVIA & WATERMAN, RYAN M	\$28,194.71
221-161-017-000	GIFFIN, JAMES S	\$25,391.43
109-292-010-000	GILES, ALLISON	\$15,676.53
207-061-004-000	GINGER 1031 LLC	\$5,369.84
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524-082-011-000	GOODMAN, NATHAN & GOODMAN, MAREN	\$4,487.35
204-331-015-000	GORDON, JEROME	\$11,713.09
208-271-010-000	GORDON, JEROME	\$31,778.50
218-021-006-000	GRASSI, SUSAN	\$5,421.86
220-061-025-000	GUISTERREZ, LORENA A	\$19,785.80
211-373-025-000	HAMDAN, JIHAD M	\$23,226.53
209-321-055-000	HAPPY HOLMES LLC	\$7,308.08
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109-061-027-000	HARDING, DENIS & QIONG	\$2,440.16
006-241-004-000	HASSENFRITZ, JOLENE/ MORRISON, SILAS F FAMILY TRUST & MORRISON, SILAS F ESTATE OF	\$11,177.23
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217-191-008-000	HEGENBERGER ENTERPRISES INC	\$38,327.75
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531-131-005-000	HENRY, ELLIOTT M/ MAZRELL, ANTHONY EST OF & MULVANEY, JAMES P ESTATE OF	\$708.46
105-091-042-000	HIDDENWAYS LLC	\$13,910.55
053-131-010-000	HINTON, JEFFREY M	\$901.95
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505-341-010-000	HOLLENSTEINER, CHARLES J	\$18,314.55
110-251-017-000	HOLLOWAY, GARY/ MICHIHARA, PATSY N/ MICHIHARA, TAMOTSU ESTATE OF & MICHIHARA, TAMOTSU TRUST	\$2,092.03
500-091-062-000	HORNSTEIN, JOHN H	\$178.85
526-051-015-000	HOSTLER, PATRICIA	\$1,160.78
109-261-013-000	HOUSE OF DREAMS INC	\$2,289.21
109-091-037-000	HOWARD, NICHOLAS L	\$3,304.93
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210-117-028-000	HRISTOVA, DONKA H	\$20,601.95
208-341-003-000	HUMBOLDT BEGINNINGS 2020 LLC	\$26,474.62
001-047-011-000	HUMBOLDT EMERALD TRIANGLE LLC	\$54,600.56
216-393-010-000	INDIGENOUS INVESTMENTS LLC	\$7,137.23
514-132-001-000	INTERNATIONAL ENTITIES LLC	\$595.92
210-022-044-000	IVANOV, DE IVO	\$10,249.38
516-101-056-000	JACKSON, MARY	\$5,189.76
526-071-013-000	JACKSON, MURIEL N/ JACKSON HAROLD N & JACKSON, PETER D	\$4,927.75
215-241-055-000	JACOVINI, JOSEPH	\$2,895.45
220-141-010-000	JACOVINI, JOSEPH	\$2,292.05
529-361-024-000	JASINSKI, CHRISTOPHER C	\$11,642.77
223-061-011-000	JEFFRIES, JESSE	\$48,981.52
209-221-012-000	JHE LAND 1 LLC	\$32,615.96

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203-291-029-000	JONES, JAY E	\$5,291.31
222-071-023-000	K N B CORPORATION	\$21,815.06
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109-182-015-000	KEITH, SKYLAR A	\$2,511.01
110-241-044-000	KELLY, VARINA E & SAYERS, PAUL	\$14,025.62
510-391-022-000	KLESSIG, ROBERT J & BARBARA K	\$20,381.12
221-221-035-000	KNEZEVICH, JASON	\$24,083.24
077-081-031-000	KOENIG, ROBERT F	\$2,817.55
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110-181-032-000	KORNBERG, GREGORY A	\$2,657.12
110-181-033-000	KORNBERG, GREGORY A	\$2,657.12
110-181-034-000	KORNBERG, GREGORY A	\$2,657.12
316-172-016-000	KUHLMAN, RICHARD H	\$24,369.97
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212-162-056-000	LAPRIORE, ROBERT M JR	\$7,555.57
302-071-012-000	LARSEN, JULIE M	\$6,775.87
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109-182-066-000	LEVINSON, TRENT S	\$1,214.53
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221-111-004-000	MACORMIC, GABRIEL & FOERSTERLING, LEE	\$66,517.23
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053-072-001-000	MERAS, MIGUEL	\$10,378.61
509-301-007-000	METTIER, WILLIAM J J	\$27,546.96
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209-321-015-000	MIKEL, MATTHEW D & MCWILLIAMS, MAILE J	\$6,829.47
013-121-023-000	MIZOGUCHI, MICHAEL B/ MIZOGUCHI, AMY W & MIZOGUCHI 2019 FAMILY TRUST	\$35,977.65
220-252-034-000	MMF LAND VI LLC	\$58,360.89
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309-291-011-000	PRONOVOST, MARTIN & JAIME M	\$4,047.00
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317-055-009-000	RAYMOND, SCOTT	\$17,307.89
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002-073-011-000	SHARMA, DALIP	\$31,027.57
215-271-009-000	SHININGSTAR, TARA	\$10,986.30
223-191-011-000	SLEEPER, JERRY L & ALMA C	\$317.75
222-155-005-000	SLOAN, ISAAC J	\$16,280.51
019-081-007-000	SMITH, JAMES M & HAZEL F	\$1,691.94
077-212-010-000	SMITH, TONYA C/ SMITH, TONYA	\$16,740.20
209-311-008-000	SOFT RIVER LLC	\$39,154.83
108-064-005-000	SPENCE, STEVE	\$907.36
009-253-012-000	SPRUJANCE, ALISHA L	\$5,098.70
111-202-055-000	SRKF COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES LLC	\$1,859.03
109-202-044-000	STALLINGS, JEDIDIAH W	\$1,900.23
032-021-001-000	STARK, DANIEL G/ SCWC LIVING TRUST	\$5,084.08
511-191-029-000	STEPHENS, JIM R & ROSALIE I	\$37,183.66
219-061-020-000	STEWART, DAMON & CARL, HANK R	\$23,441.31
018-153-013-000	SUTTON, MELISSA	\$734.43
208-054-003-000	SZAGORA LLC	\$16,581.47
204-281-013-000	TAGUE, CODY & HARMONY	\$2,811.81
208-331-006-000	TALBOT, JEDIDIAH D	\$24,183.61
109-192-024-000	TALLEY, FORREST D	\$1,167.90
202-142-022-000	TAPPE, PEGGY	\$6,475.85

008-143-015-000	THOMAS, CORINNE E	\$3,428.91
105-162-015-000	TICOBAY LLC	\$12,544.44
203-301-004-000	TOOLE, ROSS R & EUNICE A B	\$2,777.53
223-101-001-000	TORREZ, DANICA E	\$32,617.77
223-271-003-000	TORREZ, DANICA E	\$13,736.95
526-221-016-000	TRACY, LAWRENCE I & JOYCE	\$937.29
201-301-014-000	TRENT, CHRISTOPHER W	\$6,189.54
201-301-019-000	TRENT, CHRISTOPHER W	\$5,223.08
211-276-005-000	TRENT FAMILY TRUST/ TRENT CHRISTOPHER W & ROBIN A	\$19,043.59
010-272-014-000	TRIMBLE, DENVER	\$4,276.21
202-082-044-000	TRINE, NANCY R	\$4,139.10
111-012-005-000	TUSS, HEATHER	\$2,087.00
525-072-004-000	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA/ HOOPA VALLEY TRIBE CALIFORNIA	\$2,624.81
107-091-005-000	VALKOV, ZLATIN R	\$859.01
109-261-012-000	VARLEY, MARY J	\$2,139.90
534-193-010-000	VASKOVIC, RADE/ GRANIC, MATE & JOVICIC, ALEKSANDAR S	\$824.56
201-123-015-000	VELASQUEZ, JOEL D	\$6,920.91
219-011-007-000	VIPA FARMERS LLC	\$114,281.12
216-381-033-000	WALTERS, JOHN F	\$7,376.31
013-201-071-000	WALTERS, ROBERT D & NAOMI J	\$6,077.42
010-271-023-000	WATERS, MARK W & HILDA R	\$779.33
221-141-021-000	WENIG, MIKE	\$21,897.83
315-082-006-000	WHALE ROCK REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS LLC	\$15,520.69
201-136-005-000	WHITE, BERTHA L/ WHITE, BERTHA L TRUST	\$9,880.31
052-031-009-000	WHITE, GLENN R & MICHELLE S	\$5,541.71
306-161-019-000	WHITE, MARY O	\$3,607.18
303-181-014-000	WIGHTMAN, DACIA	\$1,856.92
303-181-027-000	WIGHTMAN, DACIA	\$303.03
529-311-005-000	WILDER, ALBERT W SR/ WILDER, WARREN W JR & WILDER, LEONARD C	\$385.64
221-202-018-000	WILSON, SOMMER D/ WILSON, SOMMER	\$16,639.18
534-222-003-000	YALE, JON A & MILLIGAN, CHRISTINE M	\$3,098.45
033-071-031-000	YAMPALSKY, BLAYZ	\$10,339.67
109-292-029-000	ZELKO, JOHN R & GERTRUDE	\$2,955.80
110-201-026-000	ZIEGLER, JACK S & SYKES, JOSEPH T	\$357.17

I certify or (declare), under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.



Amy Christensen

Humboldt County Tax Collector

Executed at Eureka, Humboldt County, California, on August 25, 2024

Published in the North Coast Journal on August 29th, September 5th & 12th 2024

**NOTICE OF HEARING -
DECEDENT'S ESTATE OR TRUST
CASE NUMBER PR2400229
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

Estate of Melva L. Duclo also known
as Melva Leon Duclo, Decedent

Notice is hereby given that Donnell
Rene Duclo, Petitioner, has filed a
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF SPECIAL
ADMINISTRATION

A hearing on the matter will be
held as follows:
Date: 10/3/24
Time: 9:30am
Place: Humboldt Superior Court,
825 5th St., Eureka, CA
Dept: 4
Dated: 8/27/24
By: Jacqueline Nichols
Humboldt County
Superior Court Clerk

9/5, 9/12, 9/19 (24-336)

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL SURPLUS BID KNEELAND
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF SURPLUS
PROPERTY SALE THE KNEELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT**

is offering surplus property for sale through a competitive bidding
process. Interested parties are invited to submit sealed bids for the items
listed below. All items will be ****sold to the highest bidder****. Surplus
Items for Sale:

1. Whisperwatt Series Model DCA70SSIUAF 60 Hz Diesel Generator
Inspection of Item: Prospective bidders may inspect the surplus item
at 9313 Kneeland Rd Kneeland, CA, To schedule an appointment, please
contact the school office Monday thru Thursday between 8:30-3:00 or
email Greta Turney at admin@kneelandsd.org.

Bid Submission: - Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly
marked "Surplus Property Bid." - **All bids must be received by October
4th by 4:00 PM.** - Submit bids to: Kneeland School District Attn: Greta
Turney 9313 Kneeland Rd Kneeland, CA 95549 Bid Opening: - **Bids will
be opened on October 7, 2024, at 3:00 PM at Kneeland School.** - Bid-
ders are welcome to attend the bid opening. - Successful bidders will
be notified by October 14th, 2024. Terms and Conditions: - All items are
sold "as is" without warranty. - The Kneeland School District reserves the
right to reject any and all bids. - All items will be ****sold to the highest
bidder****. - Payment must be made by cash, check or money order within
10 days of bid award notification. - Successful bidders are responsible for
the removal and transportation of purchased item by November 4, 2024.
For more information or questions, **please contact Greta Turney at
kneeland@kneelandsd.org.**

Published on: September 12, 2024

**CITY OF FORTUNA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fortuna Planning Commission will
review and provide comments on the draft **Mill District Specific Plan
(MDSP) and Mill District Specific Plan Supplemental Environmental
Impact Report (SEIR)** on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. or as
soon as possible thereafter. The meeting will be held at 621 11th Street,
Fortuna, California, in the City Hall Council Chamber.

The MDSP governs approximately 150 City acres, including the former
PALCO mill site, off-site improvement areas, and other General Plan land
use change areas. The MDSP envisions the project area as an essential and
diverse center for local and regional economic, employment, tourism, and
residential growth and development. Proposed allowable MDSP land uses
will include residential, mixed-use, flex space, transportation, distribution,
commercial, restaurant, civic, lodging, manufacturing, warehousing, office,
and industrial activities. The SEIR is a California Environmental Quality Act
requirement that evaluates whether the proposed MDSP and General Plan
amendments will result in new significant impacts or increased severity
of the significant impacts previously identified during the City's General
Plan adoption.

The draft MDSP and SEIR are available on the City's website at www.friendlyfortuna.com, and a physical copy is available for review at City Hall.

Interested parties may provide oral or written testimony at or before
the meeting. Written comments should be sent to Planning Commission
Secretary Katey Schmidt at kschmidt@ci.fortuna.ca.us or 621 11th Street,
Fortuna, California, 95540 by Monday, September 23, 2024 to be presented
at the meeting. Late comments will be attached to the meeting minutes
but will not be part of the public meeting packet.

If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please
contact the City Clerk's Office at (707) 725-7600 at least 48 hours before
the meeting. This will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements
to ensure meeting accessibility (28 CFR 35.102 - 35.104 ADA Title II).

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
MELVA L. DUCLO also known
as MELVA LEON DUCLO
CASE NO. PR2400229**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,
contingent creditors and persons
who may otherwise be interested in
the will or estate, or both, of
MELVA L. DUCLO also known as
MELVA LEON DUCLO
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been
filed by Petitioner DONNELL RENE
DUCLO
In the Superior Court of California,

County of Humboldt.
The petition for probate requests
that DONNELL RENE DUCLO
be appointed as personal represen-
tative to administer the estate of
the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the dece-
dent's will and codicils, if any, be
admitted to probate. The will and
any codicils are available for exam-
ination in the file kept by court.
THE PETITION requests authority to
administer the estate under the
Independent Administration of
Estates Act. (This authority will

allow the personal representative
to take many actions without
obtaining court approval. Before
taking certain very important
actions, however, the personal
representative will be required to
give notice to interested persons
unless they have waived notice or
consented to the proposed action.)
The independent administration
authority will be granted unless an
interested person files an objection
to the petition and shows good
cause why the court should not
grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be
held on October 3, 2024 at 9:30
a.m. at the Superior Court of Cali-
fornia, County of Humboldt, 825
Fifth Street, Eureka, in Dept.: 4

For information on how to appear
remotely for your hearing, please
visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of
the petition, you should appear at
the hearing and state your objec-
tions or file written objections with
the court before the hearing. Your
appearance may be in person or by
your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a
contingent creditor of the dece-
dent, you must file your claim with
the court and mail a copy to the
personal representative appointed
by the court within the later of
either (1) four months from the
date of first issuance of letters to a
general personal representative, as
defined in section 58(b) of the Cali-
fornia Probate Code, or (2) 60 days
from the date of mailing or
personal delivery to you of a notice
under section 9052 of the California
Probate Code. Other California
statutes and legal authority may
affect your rights as a creditor. You
may want to consult with an
attorney knowledgeable in Cali-
fornia law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept
by the court. If you are a person
interested in the estate, you may
file with the court a Request for
Special Notice (form DE-154) of the
filing of an inventory and appraisal
of estate assets or of any petition
or account as provided in Probate
Code section 1250. A Request for
Special Notice form is available
from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:
Patrick O'Rourke, MOBO Law, LLP
527 S. Arlington Avenue
Reno, NV 89509
(775) 624-9480
Filed: August 22, 2024
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

9/5, 9/12, 9/19/2024 (24-335)

PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
undersigned intends to sell the
personal property described below
to enforce a lien imposed on said
property pursuant to Sections
21700-21716 of the Business &
Professions Code, Section 2328 of
the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal
Code and provisions of the civil
Code.

The undersigned will sell at auction
by competitive bidding on the 25th
of September, 2024, at 9:00 AM, on
the premises where said property
has been stored and which are
located at Rainbow Self Storage.
Arcata and McKinleyville auctions
are online at
www.StorageAuctions.com. The
online auction begins 9/12/24 at
8AM and will end 9/25/24 at 8AM.

**CITY OF FORTUNA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

- 1. Bid Submission.** City of Fortuna ("City") will accept sealed bids for its Main Street Gateway Project ("Project"), by or before September 27th, 2024, at 2 pm., at Fortuna City Hall, located at 621 11th St, California, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.
- 2. Project Information.**
 - 2.1 Location and Description.** The Project is located at the North Main Street entrance/exit in Fortuna. The scope of the project includes the following per plans:
 - Demolition of curb, gutter, concrete, asphalt and exaction of native soil.
 - Haul and place compacted base and infill excavated soil with topsoil.
 - Reinstall six-inch curb.
 - Grind and inlay the northbound lane and patch pave gutter removal.
 - Install water lateral and irrigation system.
 - Implement Planting and Landscape plan.
 - Install/construct gateway sign, including a cast-in-place concrete base with rock veneer, and a custom fabricated metal sign panel.
 - 2.2 Time for Final Completion.** The Project must be fully completed within 20 working days from the start date set forth in the Notice to Proceed. City desires that the Work will begin on or about as soon as possible after contract award, which is anticipated in mid-October but the anticipated start date is provided solely for convenience and is neither certain nor binding. Project must be completed before December 13, 2024.
- 3. License and Registration Requirements.**
 - 3.1 License.** This Project requires a valid California contractor's license for the following classification(s): Class A
 - 3.2 DIR Registration.** City may not accept a Bid Proposal from or enter into the Contract with a bidder, without proof that the bidder is registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code § 1725.5, subject to limited legal exceptions.
- 4. Contract Documents.** The plans, specifications, bid forms and contract documents for the Project, and any addenda thereto ("Contract Documents") may be downloaded from City's website located at: https://www.friendlyfortuna.com/your_government/public_works_notices.php. A printed copy of the Contract Documents is not available.
- 5. Bid Security.** The Bid Proposal must be accompanied by bid security of ten percent of the maximum bid amount, in the form of a cashier's or certified check made payable to City, or a bid bond executed by a surety licensed to do business in the State of California on the Bid Bond form included with the Contract Documents. The bid security must guarantee that within ten days after City issues the Notice of Potential Award, the successful bidder will execute the Contract

and submit the payment and performance bonds, insurance certificates and endorsements, valid Certificates of Reported Compliance as required under the California Air Resources Board's In-Use Off-Road Diesel-Fueled Fleets Regulation (13 CCR § 2449 et seq.) ("Off-Road Regulation"), if applicable, and any other submittals required by the Contract Documents and as specified in the Notice of Potential Award.

6. Prevailing Wage Requirements.

6.1 General. Pursuant to California Labor Code § 1720 et seq., this Project is subject to the prevailing wage requirements applicable to the locality in which the Work is to be performed for each craft, classification or type of worker needed to perform the Work, including employer payments for health and welfare, pension, vacation, apprenticeship and similar purposes.

6.2 Rates. The prevailing rates are on file with the City and are available online at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR>. Each Contractor and Subcontractor must pay no less than the specified rates to all workers employed to work on the Project. The schedule of per diem wages is based upon a working day of eight hours. The rate for holiday and overtime work must be at least time and one-half.

6.3 Compliance. The Contract will be subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR, under Labor Code § 1771.4.

7. Performance and Payment Bonds. The successful bidder will be required to provide performance and payment bonds, each for 100% of the Contract Price, as further specified in the Contract Documents.

8. Substitution of Securities. Substitution of appropriate securities in lieu of retention amounts from progress payments is permitted under Public Contract Code § 22300.

9. Subcontractor List. Each Subcontractor must be registered with the DIR to perform work on public projects. Each bidder must submit a completed Subcontractor List form with its Bid Proposal, including the name, location of the place of business, California contractor license number, DIR registration number, and percentage of the Work to be performed (based on the base bid price) for each Subcontractor that will perform Work or service or fabricate or install Work for the prime contractor in excess of one-half of 1% of the bid price, using the Subcontractor List form included with the Contract Documents.

10. Instructions to Bidders. All bidders should carefully review the Instructions to Bidders for more detailed information before submitting a Bid Proposal. The definitions provided in Article 1 of the General Conditions apply to all of the Contract Documents, as defined therein, including this Notice Inviting Bids.

Publication Date: September 12, 2024
END OF NOTICE INVITING BIDS

The following spaces are located at 4055 Broadway Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt.

Margaret Holverson, Space #5067
Alexander Smith, Space #5297 (Held in Company Unit)
Pamela Unger, Space #5504
Michael Hollingshed, Space #5529

The following spaces are located at 639 W. Clark Street Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Desli Anderson, Space #2014
Rafael Martinez, Space #2914
William Bond, Space #3110

The following spaces are located at 3618 Jacobs Avenue Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Brian Festag, Space #1372
Gabriel Lang, Space #1623
Steven Zidell, Space #1754
Rocky Coleman, Space #1799

The following spaces are located at 105 Indianola Avenue Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Patrick Murphy, Space #183
Nathan Morean, Space #201
Denise Alora-Landry, Space #358
Teresa Washington, Space #431
Cara Chmielewski, Space #818
Timothy Wilson, Space #819
Julie Santibanez, Space #838

The following spaces are located at 100 Indianola Avenue Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

None

The following spaces are located at 1641 Holly Drive McKinleyville, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold online at www.StorageAuctions.com. Bidding begins September 12th, 2024 and ends September 25th, 2024 at 8AM.

Alex Simpson, Space #4126
Carly Shortworkman, Space #7117
Roger Jones, Space #8207
The following spaces are located at 2394 Central Avenue McKinleyville CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold online at www.StorageAuctions.com.

NONE

The following spaces are located at 180 F Street Arcata CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold online at www.StorageAuctions.com. Bidding begins September 12th, 2024 and ends September 25th, 2024 at 8AM.

Shyan Washington, Space #4117
Christopher Roberson, Space #4363
Makaia Birimisa, Space #4428
Jack DeCorso, Space #4520
Cory Moloney, Space #4603
Tiffany Bigler, Space #6104
Jack DeCorso, Space #6119

Thomas Dimaria, Space #6157
Arrion Jennings, Space #6163

The following spaces are located at 940 G Street Arcata CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold online at www.StorageAuctions.com. Bidding begins September 12th, 2024 and ends September 25th, 2024 at 8AM.

Rudy Siebuhr, Space #6309

Items to be sold include, but are not limited to:
Household furniture, office equipment, household appliances, exercise equipment, TVs, VCR, microwave, bikes, books, misc. tools, misc. camping equipment, misc. stereo equip. misc. yard tools, misc. sports equipment, misc. kids toys, misc. fishing gear, misc. computer components, and misc. boxes and bags contents unknown.

Anyone interested in attending Rainbow Self Storage auctions must pre-qualify. For details call 707-443-1451.
Purchases must be paid for at the time of the sale in cash only. Online Bidders will pay 10% with a card online, and 90% in cash in the

office, plus a \$100 deposit. Online Bidders will be required to sign in at the time of cash payment. All pre-qualified live Bidders must sign in at 4055 Broadway Eureka CA. prior to 9:00 A.M. on the day of the auction, no exceptions. All purchased items are sold as is, where is and must be removed at time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation for any reason whatsoever.
Auctioneer: Nicole Pettit, Employee for Rainbow Self-Storage, 707-443-1451, Bond # 40083246.

Dated this 12th day of September, 2024 and 19th day of September, 2024

9/12, 9/19/2024 (24-339)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00403
The following person is doing Business as
CRUZ CLEANING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Humboldt
294 Hillsdale St #C
Eureka, CA 95501

Juan C Cruz H
294 Hillsdale St #C
Eureka, CA 95501

The business is conducted by an Individual
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Juan Cruz H, Owner
This July 19, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

8/29, 9/5, 9/12, 9/19//2024 (24-318)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00433
The following person is doing Business as
CASCADIA SERVICES

Humboldt
1966 Simmons Rd
Eureka, CA 95503

Scott E Stewart
1966 Simmons Rd
Eureka, CA 95503

Rachel N Stewart
1966 Simmons Rd
Eureka, CA 95503

The business is conducted by a Married Couple
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on July 17, 2024
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Rachel Stewart, Owner
This August 5, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk

8/29, 9/5, 9/12, 9/19//2024 (24-319)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00443
The following person is doing Business as
PACIFIC HOME TECH/PACIFIC OFFICE TECH

Humboldt
27 W. 14th St #1
Eureka, CA 95501

Daniel T Gonzales
27 W. 14th St #1
Eureka, CA 95501

The business is conducted by an Individual
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on August 12, 2024



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FROM LICENSED CONTRACTORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Board of the Redwoods Community College District, of the County of Humboldt, State of California, is soliciting proposals from licensed contractors for carpet replacement at the Learning Resource Center (LRC) at the Eureka Campus. **Proposals are due on October 16, 2024 at 2:00 PM PST.**

Proposal Documents (RFP) are available at: College of the Redwoods 7351 Tompkins Hill Road, Eureka, CA 95501 Website: <https://www.redwoods.edu/businessoffice/Purchasing.html>

Inquiries may be directed to: Johanna Helzer, Manager of Maintenance and Operations Johanna-helzer@redwoods.edu PROPOSALS ARE DUE: No later than 2:00 PM PST on October 16, 2024. All proposals must be submitted by email to johanna-helzer@redwoods.edu

or a thumb drive mailed to:
College of the Redwoods
Attn: Johanna Helzer
7351 Tompkins Hill Rd.
Eureka, CA 95501

Only proposals that are in strict conformance with the instructions included in the Request for Proposal will be considered.

Redwoods Community College District



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR ASSISTANT INSPECTOR OF RECORD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Board of the Redwoods Community College District, of the County of Humboldt, State of California, is soliciting proposals from qualified inspection firms to perform DSA Inspection Services as Assistant Inspector of Record on the new Physical Education Replace Existing Project at the College of the Redwoods Eureka Campus. **proposals are due on October 21, 2024 at 2:00 PM PST.**

Proposal Documents (RFP) are available at: College of the Redwoods 7351 Tompkins Hill Road, Eureka, CA 95501 Website: <https://www.redwoods.edu/businessoffice/Purchasing> Inquiries may be directed to: Leslie Marshall, Director of Facilities and Planning, Email : Leslie-Marshall@redwoods.edu. PROPOSALS ARE DUE: No later than 2:00 PM PST on October 21, 2024. All proposals must be submitted electronically by email to Leslie-Marshall@redwoods.edu, or a thumb drive by mail to: College of the Redwoods, Office of Facilities and Planning, 7351 Tompkins Hill Road, Eureka, CA 95501.

Only proposals that are in strict conformance with the instructions included in the Request for Statements of Proposals will be considered.

Redwoods Community College District

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Manila Community Services District
1901 Park Street
Arcata, California 95521

The *Manila Community Services District (MCSD)* is currently advertising for contractor bids regarding its "MCSD Wastewater Infrastructure Improvement Project" ("Project").

Bids will be received electronically until 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 10th, 2024 PDT. Bid proposals shall be submitted electronically on the forms contained in the Contract Documents and shall be included as attachment(s) to an email with the subject line "Bid Proposal for MCSD Wastewater Infrastructure Improvement Project" to MCSD care of *GHD Inc.* at brett.vivyan@ghd.com with copy to MCSD at manilacsd1@sbcglobal.net. The email shall also contain the name of the Bidder, their address, license number, and *California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR)* registration number. MCSD shall provide a response email receipt from *GHD Inc.* to the Contractor showing the date and time the submission was received. Bids received after the time specified for opening will not be considered. The Bidder is solely responsible for timely delivery of their bid.

Parties interested in attending the bid opening conference call must submit a request via email to brett.vivyan@ghd.com with the subject line "Request for Invitation to MCSD Wastewater Infrastructure Improvement Project Sealed Bid Opening" by 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 10th, 2024 PDT and respond to the invitation that will be sent via email from *GHD Inc.*

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on site at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 20th, 2024 PDT. Interested parties can meet at the MCSD Office located at 1901 Park Street, Arcata, CA 95521.

The Work associated with this project will consist of, but is not limited to, the furnishing of all labor, material, equipment, and supervision for the demolition and disposal of existing facilities, retrofit of an existing wet well with submersible pumps; pump station and treatment plant site improvements; installation of septage screening and holding tank system; and installation of, pumps, controls, aerators, monitoring wells, fencing, septage tank risers, and air release valves and replacement of electrical service panels in multiple locations within the MCSD's service boundary.

The Contract Documents are currently available at the following locations:

Humboldt Builders Exchange, Eureka
North Coast Builders Exchange, Santa Rosa
Shasta Builders Exchange, Redding
Medford Builders Exchange, Medford

Contractors may obtain an electronic copy of the Contract Documents for no cost by emailing brett.vivyan@ghd.com and requesting the "MCSD Wastewater Infrastructure Improvement Project Bid Package" or download from the MCSD's website at <http://manilacsd.com/page3.html>. Contractors are encouraged to carefully read the "Information for Bidders" section in the Contract Documents. Questions concerning these documents must be submitted by email to brett.vivyan@ghd.com and copy to manilacsd1@sbcglobal.net.

This Project requires a valid California contractor's license for Class A General Engineering.

The general prevailing wage rates applicable to the Work are set by the State Director of DIR State of California under Labor Code Section 17714. The Contractor will be required to comply with any changes in these wage rates as they are updated by the State government at no cost to the Owner. Prevailing rates are available online at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR>.

Christopher Drop
General Manager
Manila Community Services District

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
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/s Daniel Gonzales, Proprietor
This August 13, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by JR, Humboldt County Clerk

8/22, 8/29, 9/5, 9/12/2024 (24-307)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00444
The following person is doing Business as
LA CIENDITA

Humboldt
655 Ninth St
Arcata, CA 95521

PO Box 821
Blue Lake, CA 95525



Lo Li Industries
CA 202463217549
241 Davis St
Blue Lake, CA 95525

The business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
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/s Octavio Acosta, Owner
This August 13, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by JR, Humboldt County Clerk

8/22, 8/29, 9/5, 9/12/2024 (24-309)

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PUBLIC NOTICE
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Housing Authority of the County of Humboldt has completed a draft of the updated Administrative Plan. A copy of the draft is available for review at the Housing Authority website www.eurekahumboldtha.org or by request. A public meeting for the purpose of receiving comments on the updated Administrative Plan draft will be held via conference call on Wednesday, October 02, 2024 at 9:00am – 10:00am. The Housing Authority will receive comments regarding the proposed changes starting August 22, 2024 through the close of business on October 07, 2024. To request the draft and obtain conference call phone in instructions, please call (707) 443-4583 ext 219.
The Housing Authority hours of operation are 9:00am – 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, alternating every other Friday an off day.



HUMBOLDT COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
5055 WALNUT DRIVE EUREKA, CA 95503

The Humboldt Community Services District is soliciting bids for the rehabilitation of one (1) 0.5 MG water storage tank.

The specifications for the project are available at the Humboldt Community Services District Office, 5055 Walnut Drive, Eureka, CA 95503, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and on the District's website www.humboldtcsd.org. To participate in the bidding process, contenders must attend the pre-bid meeting scheduled for September 10, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Separate sealed bids for the Rehabilitation of the Donna Drive Water Storage Tank Project will be received by the Humboldt Community Services District at the District office at 5055 Walnut Drive, Eureka, CA 95503 until 2:00 p.m. October 1, 2024, and then at said office, publicly opened and read aloud. Sealed bid documents must be received in person or by US Mail or another courier. No fax or email bids will be accepted. It is estimated that the lowest responsible, responsive bidder will be awarded the bid on October 28, 2024. The successful bidder will then have until 5:00 p.m. on October 31, 2025, to complete the rehabilitation of the water storage tank.

The Humboldt Community Services District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The Humboldt Community Services District will not be liable for any cost incurred by the bidder incidental to the preparation, submittal, or evaluation of their bids, or in the negotiation, execution, and delivery of an agreement that may be awarded as a result of this Advertisement for Bids.

Terrence Williams
General Manager
Humboldt Community Services District

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00446
The following person is doing Business as
WINKS HOME MAINTENANCE

Humboldt
1928 Central Ave
McKinleyville, CA 95519

Gregory Winkley
1928 Central Ave
McKinleyville, CA 95519

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/s Greg Winkley, Owner
This August 13, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by JR, Humboldt County Clerk

8/22, 8/29, 9/5, 9/12/2024 (24-310)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00448
The following person is doing Business as
POCKET OF POSIES

Humboldt
4050 Broadway
Eureka, CA 95503

LeAnne M Williams
4050 Broadway
Eureka, CA 95503

The business is conducted by an Individual
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on July 16, 2024
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/s LeAnne M Williams, Owner
This August 15, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by JR, Humboldt County Clerk

8/29, 9/5, 9/12, 9/19//2024 (24-320)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00450
The following person is doing Business as
SHEPHERD'S GROVE STUDIO/ SHEPHERDS GROVE/SHEPHERDS-GROVE.COM

Humboldt
5797 Christine Dr
Eureka, CA 95503

Christine M Albertini
5797 Christine Dr
Eureka, CA 95503

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The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on August 11, 2005
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/s Christine M Albertini, Owner
This August 15, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk

8/22, 8/29, 9/5, 9/12/2024 (24-311)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00454
The following person is doing Business as
DIVERSE SUPPORT NETWORK

Humboldt
2237 3rd Street
Eureka, CA 95501

12324 East 86th St N Suite 251
Owasso, OK 74055

Tribal Support Network, Inc.
California 6322694
12324 East 86th St N Suite 251
Owasso, OK 74055

The business is conducted by a Corporation
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on August 9, 2024
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/s Kyle Visser, President
This August 16, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by JR, Humboldt County Clerk

8/29, 9/5, 9/12, 9/19//2024 (24-317)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00457
The following person is doing Business as
GOOSEBERRY GALLERY/ MAGENTA MOUNTAIN MAJESTY

Humboldt
410 Railroad Avenue
Blue Lake, CA 95525

PO Box 1015
Blue Lake, CA 95525

Victoria L Timoteo
Mystical A/V Club LLC
CA 202462013164
410 Railroad Avenue
Blue Lake, CA 95525

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/s Victoria Timoteo, CEO
This August 19, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by JR, Humboldt County Clerk

9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3/2024 (24-339)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00467
The following person is doing Business as
PITTER PATTER DAYCARE

Humboldt
2900 Harris St
Eureka, CA 95501

Cristino LLC
CA 202462614517
242 Higgins St
Eureka, CA 95503

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/s Irisa Cristino, President
This August 23, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by JR, Humboldt County Clerk

9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26/2024 (24-333)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00469
The following person is doing Business as
PINAR CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

Humboldt
3656 Old Arcata Rd Space 48
Eureka, CA 95503

Brett N Pinar
3656 Old Arcata Rd Space 48
Eureka, CA 95503

The business is conducted by an Individual
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/s Brett N Pinar, Owner
This August 26, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by JR, Humboldt County Clerk

8/29, 9/5, 9/12, 9/19//2024 (24-324)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00471
The following person is doing Business as
TANDOORI BITES PIZZA

Humboldt
215 W 7th St
Eureka, CA 95501

Tandoori Pizza House Inc
CA 6353907
1010 Fern Dr
Eureka, CA 95503

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/s Gurpreet Sohal, Chief Executive Officer
This August 26, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by sg, Humboldt County Clerk

9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3/2024 (24-338)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00474
The following person is doing Business as
JOY MESSAGE

Humboldt
2192 Central Ave Suite A
McKinleyville, CA 95519

Joy Massage Wellness LLC
CA 202463412619
2192 Central Ave Suite A
McKinleyville, CA 95519

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/s Li Yun Zheng, CEO
This August 27, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by JR, Humboldt County Clerk

9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26/2024 (24-332)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00476

The following person is doing Business as
ISLAND STATE CONSTRUCTION

Humboldt
3489 Trinity St
Eureka, CA 95501

Ewan H McLean
3489 Trinity St
Eureka, CA 95501

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/s Ewan McLean, Owner

This August 27, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by JR, Humboldt County Clerk

9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26/2024 (24-331)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00479

The following person is doing Business as
MAY LIVING DESIGNS

Humboldt
1814 Harrison Ave
Eureka, CA 95501

Kathryn LP Biesanz
1814 Harrison Ave
Eureka, CA 95501

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/s Kathryn LP Biesanz, Owner

This August 28, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by JR, Humboldt County Clerk

9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3/2024 (24-337)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00488

The following person is doing Business as
HANDEE MARKET

Humboldt
3500 F Street
Eureka, CA 95503

Sameen J LLC
CA 202462015280
3500 F Street
Eureka, CA 95503

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/s Taranpreet Singh, Managing Member

This September 6, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by sg, Humboldt County Clerk

9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3/2024 (24-346)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00491

The following person is doing Business as
THE CALIFORNIA POT COMPANY

Humboldt
3551 18th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

The California Pot Company LLC
CA 202253719947
3551 18th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

The business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on January 1, 2024
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/s David Zdrazil, CEO

This September 9, 2024
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by JR, Humboldt County Clerk

9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3/2024 (24-344)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NO. CV2401599 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT 825 FIFTH ST. EUREKA, CA. 95501

PETITION OF:
AMANDA LYNN FREEMAN
for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name
ABIGALE ROSE PFEFFERLE
to Proposed Name

ABIGALE ROSE FREEMAN
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: October 7, 2024
Time: 8:30 a.m., Courtroom: 4,
Room: 4
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT 825 FIFTH
STREET EUREKA, CA 95501

To appear remotely, check in advance of the hearing for information about how to do so on the court's website. To find your court's website, go to www.courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm.

Filed: August 26, 2024
/s/ Timothy A. Canning
Judge of the Superior Court
8/29, 9/5, 9/12, 9/19/2024 (24-329)

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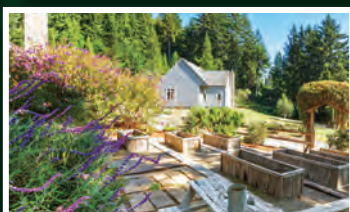
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926 HOLMES FLAT ROAD, REDCREST
\$999,000

This beautiful Holmes Flat homestead farm is just minutes from the Avenue of the Giants and offers several uses: a permitted cannabis farm, a large produce farm utilizing the rich soil & sunny climate, the flat fully fenced AG-zoned portion for an equestrian property and ride your horses to the river or in your own grove of mature Redwoods that could also be harvested and borders the 52,000 acre Humboldt Redwoods State Park.



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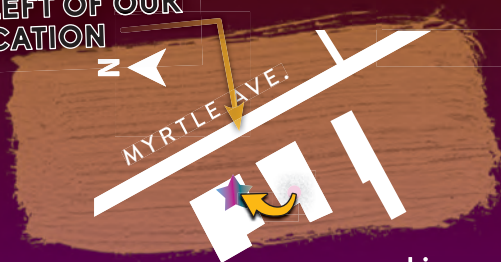
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CIVIL GRAND JURY



2023-2024

FINAL REPORT SUMMARY

To the Citizens of Humboldt County:


The concept of a Civil Grand Jury is unique to California and is enshrined in our constitution. It demands that each of our fifty-eight counties empanel a jury of nineteen county residents every year not to pursue criminal matters but to examine how local government – your government – works. We are often referred to as the “watchdog” of the people over their local government.

Our investigations are driven by complaints received from the community about issues that matter to them. We try to approach these investigations with curiosity, open minds, and a healthy dose of skepticism. Our goal is not to find fault with our government, nor is it to shy away from finding fault when warranted. Our goal is to examine issues, praise areas that are functioning well, find areas that should be addressed, report on those issues, and recommend solutions.

What follows is not the full body of work from your 2023-2024 Civil Grand Jury. It is an abridged version that offers you a summary of the investigations we conducted as well as the findings and recommendations that resulted from our work. Each government entity investigated by our work must, by law, respond to our findings and recommendations. The full text of the reports can be found at <https://humboldt.gov/510/Civil-Grand-Jury>.

The strength of the Grand Jury comes from the diversity of experience that each juror brings with them. This gives us the advantage of seeing issues from multiple viewpoints and applying different knowledge and life experience to our investigations. This year we interviewed over sixty people, reviewed thousands of pages of documents, toured at least ten different facilities, and spent thousands of hours doing research and writing reports. We received assistance from hundreds of people in one form or another, for which we are grateful. It is a testament to the skill and dedication of this year’s jury that we can present you with eight thoughtful reports.

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury functions through the dedication and thoughtfulness of its members. If you would like the opportunity to serve your community by being a Grand Juror, have a complaint that you think needs investigation, or want to read the full text of all of our reports, please follow the link below.

Respectfully,

Richard Bergstresser, Foreperson
2023-2024 Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury



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Humboldt County Sheriff's Office
Is a Lack of Oversight Due to a Lack of Foresight?

Released April 30, 2024

SUMMARY

To paraphrase Reinhold Niebuhr, “The human capacity for justice makes oversight possible, but humanity’s inclination to injustice makes oversight necessary.”

Oversight is constructive, not punitive. Oversight strengthens the professionalism of law enforcement. By creating a secondary public review of alleged misconduct or the handling of critical incidents, the people of Humboldt County can gain a clearer view of important events that affect all of us.

Civilian oversight of elected administrative offices such as the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office (HCSO) promotes good management, fiscal responsibility, transparency, and accountability. It aids the Board of Supervisors’ supervisory responsibility without interfering with the Sheriff’s Office’s enforcement and investigative functions.

The turn of this century brought renewed attention to law enforcement. Many community groups have advocated for police accountability. Incidents captured on video have widely circulated on social media, leading local governments to seek reforms in law enforcement. The President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing has recommended that local jurisdictions establish civilian oversight for law enforcement.

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that the Board of Supervisors establish a civilian oversight board to review, report on, and make recommendations in support of law enforcement and an office of inspector general to provide an independent professional assessment of critical incidents and advice regarding law enforcement policies and practices. A civilian oversight board enhances transparency and accountability and gives the community a voice. The Board of Supervisors will be better equipped to oversee the Sheriff’s Office for the community it serves.

FINDINGS

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury finds that:

F1: Humboldt County does not have an independent means for oversight and review of critical incidents and allegations of misconduct involving the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office. This lack of oversight and review can lead to public misunderstanding and mistrust of law enforcement. **(R1, R2, R3)**

F2: Humboldt County does not have an independent means for oversight and review of critical incidents and allegations of misconduct involving the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office. This lack of oversight and review can lead to a misunderstanding by law enforcement of public

expectations. **(R1, R2, R3)**

F3: Humboldt County does not have an adequate means to review critical incidents independent of and external to existing law enforcement agencies. This lack of oversight and review can lead to a public misunderstanding and mistrust of law enforcement. **(R1, R2, R3)**

F4: Humboldt County does not have an effective forum to review alleged misconduct by law enforcement independent and external from existing law enforcement agencies. This lack of an independent and external forum can lead to public misunderstanding and mistrust of law enforcement. **(R1, R2, R3)**

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that:

R1: By December 31, 2025, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors enact a county ordinance pursuant to Government Code section 25303.7 to create and fund a Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office Civilian Oversight Board with subpoena power and subject to the Brown Act. For funding recommendations see the wording below recommendation #2. **(F1, F2, F3, F4)**

R2: By December 31, 2025, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Government Code section 25303.7, create and fund a Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office of Inspector General with subpoena power. For funding recommendations see the wording below recommendation #2. **(F1, F2, F3, F4)**

Funding Recommendation: The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors fund the expenses listed in **R1** and **R2** from existing appropriations in the current fiscal year. If current appropriations are not sufficient, the Grand Jury recommends that the Board of Supervisors, at its next earliest opportunity, pursue additional funding from an appropriate agency, including state or federal agencies.

Humboldt County Facilities

Owning vs. Leasing

Released May 29, 2024

SUMMARY

The County of Humboldt pays close to \$500,000 every month, nearly \$6 million per year, to lease office space for employees throughout the County. Would the money be better spent in the long run by owning these facilities instead?

Over time the County of Humboldt’s agencies have evolved to adjust to changing societal needs to provide services. The County currently leases more properties than they own. Fifty-three percent of the buildings used are leased, not owned. Long term leasing tends to be more expensive than building and owning facilities. The trend towards leasing has not been cost-effective for the citizens of Humboldt County.

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury investigated Humboldt County’s practice of leasing properties rather than purchasing them. Whether leased or owned, consolidation of operations for increased efficiency is also a concern. Given the physical size of Humboldt County consolidation would be practical only in the City of Eureka. We limited our investigation to office space within the City of Eureka, which accounts for \$450,000 of the monthly \$500,000 lease payments. This path led us to the 2020 Humboldt County Facilities Master Plan which showed that more facilities are leased than owned by the County. Most of the leased properties have been under lease for 25 years or more by the County. One of the larger Department of Health and Human Services properties, 929 Koster Street, has 30,669 square feet, accommodates 169 county workers, and has been leased for almost 50 years. The 2020 Facilities Master Plan calls for building and consolidating operations. Progress has been slow.

FINDINGS

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury finds that:

F1: County of Humboldt facilities in Eureka are widely dispersed, with some departments occupying multiple buildings in multiple locations. This dispersion can result in less efficient county operations. **(R1)**

F2: County of Humboldt facilities in Eureka are widely dispersed, with some departments occupying multiple buildings in multiple locations. This dispersion can result in unnecessarily increased difficulty for citizens who are conducting business with the county. **(R1)**

F3: The County of Humboldt Facilities Master Plan from 2020 calls for consolidation of facilities throughout the County. However, the County has yet to meet most of these consolidation goals, which results in continued inefficient operations. **(R1)**

F4: Leasing facilities in the long-term is more costly than owning them. Leasing results in additional unnecessary expenses for the County of Humboldt. **(R2, R3)**

F5: Consolidation using currently leased buildings is not a viable option. Until consolidation is achieved, operations will continue to be inefficient, and residents will continue to be inconvenienced. **(R1)**

F6: The current budget situation that the County finds itself in is one of limited resources. Without existing funding, the County would have to use other avenues such as bonds to acquire and/or develop property. **(R2, R3)**

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that:

R1: By no later than March 31, 2025, the County of Humboldt update the Facilities Master Plan to incorporate achievable implementation goals. **(F1, F2, F3, F5)**

R2: By no later than July 1, 2025, the County of Humboldt evaluate funding alternatives, including but not limited to conducting a study into the practicality of floating a bond issue to fund future purchases. For funding recommendations see the wording below Recommendation #3. **(F4, F5, F6)**

R3: As funding becomes available, the County of Humboldt continue to accelerate their pursuit of consolidation by purchasing rather than leasing facilities. **(F4, F5)**

Funding Recommendation: The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors fund the expenses listed in **R2** with existing appropriations in the **current** fiscal year. If current appropriations are not sufficient, the Grand Jury recommends that the Board of Supervisors, at its next earliest opportunity, pursue additional funding from an appropriate agency, including state or federal agencies.

Humboldt County Custody & Corrections Facilities

Released May 31, 2024

SUMMARY

The 2023-2024 Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury toured a state prison and several Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office facilities, including animal control, the Correctional Facility, and the Coroner – Public Administrator Office. In addition, the Grand Jury toured the Sempervirens Psychiatric Health Facility. This report documents positive functions we observed and problems that need to be addressed.

We observed common issues at several facilities including serious needs for repairs, maintenance and upgrading of buildings. We also noted significant understaffing, leading to substantial amounts of required overtime. These issues, along with working in already stressful positions, lead to staff fatigue. Despite these issues, we observed laughter and teamwork in the workplace and discovered during our visits and interviews that many County employees enjoy their work. Staff members were pleasant and responded to our questions. Some staff members have been in their positions for many years despite wages and benefits being more competitive in other parts of the state.

Some physical structures are relatively new. Others are many decades old. Despite these conditions, facilities appear to be functional and serviceable. Responses to the 2022-23 Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury report’s recommendations were positive in terms of making changes to

address problems, and several of the recommendations have been adopted. However, we observed that some of the recommendations from last year’s Grand Jury report which the County agreed to implement have not been addressed or completed as pledged. In some cases, the issues already documented have become worse because of delayed actions. These items are discussed within each section of this report.

Based on our interviews and tours, we recommend upgrading some Humboldt County facilities for the safety of all involved.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

FINDINGS:

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury finds that:

- F1:** The Humboldt County Animal Shelter manual is comprehensive, clear, and defines roles and tasks for staff and volunteers. The manual makes it easier for staff and volunteers to understand their job duties.
- F2:** The number of euthanasia’s in 1998 of over 4,000 animals was reduced to 78 cats and dogs in 2021. This reduction saves money, reduces stress, and is appreciated by the public.
- F3:** The Humboldt County Animal Shelter roof has been leaking for several years, causing damage to the building. The leaking roof could result in further damage. **(R1)**

- F4:** Outdoor parking lot entry lights are dysfunctional or absent. This lack of lighting leads to safety concerns for staff and clients. **(R2)**
- F5:** Outdoor yard area lighting is dysfunctional or absent. This lack of lighting may lead to fewer evening adoptions. **(R2)**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that:

- R1:** The Humboldt County Sheriff repair the roof. The repair is to be completed by October 31, 2024. For funding recommendations see the wording below Recommendation #2. **(F3)**
- R2:** The Humboldt County Sheriff repair or replace inoperable outside parking, exterior, and visitation lights. This is to be completed by October 31, 2024. For funding recommendations see the wording below Recommendation #2. **(F4, F5)**

Funding Recommendation: The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that the Humboldt County Sheriff fund the expenses listed in **R1** and **R2** from existing appropriations in the **current** fiscal year. If current appropriations are not sufficient, the Grand Jury recommends that the Humboldt County Sheriff and the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, at their next

earliest opportunity, pursue additional funding from an appropriate agency, including state or federal agencies.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS & REHABILITATION, EEL RIVER CONSERVATION CAMP #31

FINDINGS:

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury finds that:

- F6:** The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Eel River Conservation Camp #31 provides inmates with firefighting skills, which can result in future employment with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. These skills can help formerly incarcerated people obtain steady employment that may help prevent recidivism.
- F7:** The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Eel River Conservation Camp #31 provides inmates with training in areas including culinary arts, gardening, and construction. This training can help formerly incarcerated people obtain steady employment that may help prevent recidivism.

- F8:** The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Eel River Conservation Camp #31, warehouse emergency fire safety equipment is not adequately maintained or inspected recently. This can result in danger to employees, inmates, and property during a fire. **(R3)**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that:

- R3:** The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection ensure that all fire safety equipment and facilities at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Eel River Conservation Camp #31 are in working condition. This is to be completed by November 30, 2024. **(F8)**

HUMBOLDT COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

FINDINGS:

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury finds that:

- F9:** The current staff is dedicated to helping wards make a positive transition into the community after time spent in the Humboldt County Juvenile Detention Center. This positive transition can help prevent recidivism.
- F10:** Several educational and trade programs are offered to the wards, which can help prevent recidivism.

F11: Due to a lack of personnel, staff is required to put in mandatory overtime. This lack of personnel can cause burnout and low retention of staff. **(R4)**

F12: Juvenile Correctional Officers are paid \$3.50 per hour less than Correctional Deputies but with similar responsibilities and training. This lower wage makes it difficult to attract qualified staff. **(R4)**

F13: There is no rain gutter in the area leading from the basketball court to the grass area. The lack of a rain gutter can cause staff and wards to get wet, leading to the potential for slip-and-fall accidents and repeatedly soaked clothing. **(R5)**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that:

R4: The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors adjust the Juvenile Correctional Officers pay scale to be more competitive with that of Correctional Deputies. This is to take place by July 1, 2025. For funding recommendations see the wording below Recommendation #5. **(F11, F12)**

R5: The Humboldt County Probation Department coordinate with Humboldt County Public Works to install a rain gutter above the walkway to the grass area by October 1, 2024. For funding recommendations see the wording below Recommendation #5. **(F13)**

Funding Recommendation: The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that the County Board of Supervisors fund the expenses listed in **R4** and **R5** from existing appropriations in the **current** fiscal year. If current appropriations are not sufficient, the Grand Jury recommends that the Humboldt County Probation Department and the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, at their next earliest opportunity, pursue additional funding from an appropriate agency, including state or federal agencies.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

FINDINGS:

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury finds that:

F14: The Humboldt County Correctional Facility roof leaks. This leaking results in more maintenance and upkeep and could negatively impact living and working conditions for inmates and staff, as well as incur additional expenses to the County. **(R6)**

F15: The wall-mounted parallel bar exercise equipment at the Humboldt County Correctional Facility needs repair. The torn padded section provides a location to hide contraband and may limit some exercise options. **(R7)**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that:

R6: The Humboldt County Sheriff repair the leaks in the Humboldt County Correctional Facility roof. This repair is to be completed by December 31, 2024. For funding recommendations see the wording below Recommendation #7. **(F14)**

R7: The Humboldt County Sheriff repair the padded parts of the wall-mounted parallel bar exercise equipment, or replace it with new equipment, by no later than October 31, 2024. For funding recommendations see the wording below Recommendation #7. **(F15)**

Funding Recommendation: The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that the Humboldt County Sheriff fund the expenses listed in **R6** and **R7** from existing appropriations in the **current** fiscal year. If current appropriations are not sufficient, the Grand Jury recommends that the Humboldt County Sheriff and the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, at their next earliest opportunity, pursue additional funding from an appropriate agency, including state or federal agencies.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE CORONER – PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

FINDINGS:

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury finds that:

F16: When attending deaths where other people are also present, the Coroner’s Office staff is accompanied by volunteer clergy, who counsel and console traumatized people. This counselling may assist survivors of the deceased during a difficult time.

F17: Student interns and community volunteers contribute many hours to the Coroner’s Office, allowing paid staff to focus on other necessary duties. This results in interns obtaining valuable clinical experience, and Humboldt County paying less money from its budget for the Coroner’s office.

F18: The Humboldt County Coroner-Public Administrator does not have a Policy and Procedures Manual for the coroner portion of the job that clearly defines job duties, relying instead on on-the-job training practices. These practices can lead to different interpretations of duties, tasks, and responsibilities. **(R8)**

F19: In the autopsy room, there is one bare plywood counter partially covered with contact paper and another with plastic laminate. This can result in contamination of evidence and unsanitary working conditions. **(R12)**

F20: All Humboldt County Coroner-Public Administrators use one shared code to enter the locked evidence and property storage area, leaving no way to track and identify who has entered these areas. This use of only one shared code can lead to questions about a clear chain of custody, potentially compromising investigations. **(R9)**

F21: In one evidence room the Grand Jury observed a bare wall with exposed electrical wires and components. These exposed electrical components are at risk of damage and may pose a danger to stored property and human safety. **(R11)**

F22: The Humboldt County Coroner’s Office does not have a central computerized data system listing personal property. This could lead to a lack of accountability for lost or misplaced property. **(R10)**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that:

R8: The Humboldt County Sheriff create a policy and procedures manual for the coroner portion of the Coroner-Public Administrator position. This manual is to be written and distributed by December 31, 2024. **(F18)**

R9: The Humboldt County Sheriff install a keypad lock to all areas in the Coroner-Public Administrator’s Office that store property or evidence. This keypad lock must track and store the information on all people who access these areas by person, time, and date. This recommendation is to be completed by December 31, 2024. For funding recommendations see the wording below Recommendation #12. **(F20)**

R10: The Humboldt County Sheriff develop or purchase a computer software system to inventory and track deceased people’s personal property that is not criminal evidence. This recommendation is to be completed by July 1, 2025. For funding recommendations see the wording below Recommendation #12. **(F22)**

R11: The Humboldt County Sheriff repair walls in the evidence room to protect exposed electrical components by December 30, 2024. For funding recommendations see the wording below Recommendation #12. **(F21)**

R12: The Humboldt County Sheriff replace all work surfaces in the autopsy room with stainless steel or a similar non-permeable material. This recommendation is to take place by June 30, 2025. For funding recommendations see the wording below Recommendation #12. **(F19)**

Funding Recommendation: The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that the Humboldt County Sheriff coordinate with the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors to fund the expenses listed in **R9, R10, R11, and R12** from existing appropriations in the **current** fiscal year. If current appropriations are not sufficient, the Grand Jury recommends that the Humboldt County Sheriff and the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

at their next earliest opportunity, pursue additional funding from an appropriate agency, including state or federal agencies.

SEMPERVIRENS PSYCHIATRIC HEALTH FACILITY

FINDINGS:

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury finds that:

F23: The Sempervirens Psychiatric Health Facility provides a caring behavioral health staff and programs, resulting in a better quality of life for patients in crisis.

F24: Sempervirens Psychiatric Health Facility has a serious shortage of staff, resulting in additional stress on existing staff that may affect patient care. **(R13)**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that:

R13: The Department of Health and Human Services fill at least half of the vacant positions at Sempervirens no later than January 1, 2025. For funding recommendations see the wording below Recommendation #13. **(F24)**

Funding Recommendation: The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors fund the expenses listed in **R13** from existing appropriations in the **current** fiscal year. If current appropriations are not sufficient, the Grand Jury recommends that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, at its next earliest opportunity, pursue additional funding from an appropriate agency, including state or federal agencies.

SHERIFF’S WORK ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM

FINDINGS:

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury finds that:

F25: The Humboldt County Sheriff’s Work Alternative Program grounds are orderly and generally well-maintained with minimal inmate supervision needed. This results in a good work environment where skills learned by inmates can translate into life skills including farming and construction.

F26: The Humboldt County Sheriff’s Work Alternative Program produces meat and vegetables for jail meals thus reducing food costs for the Humboldt County Correctional Facility.

F27: The Humboldt County Sheriff’s Work Alternative Program’s Farm invites volunteers to assist. This helps save money and allows the facility to be accepted by neighborhood residents.

F28: The Humboldt County Sheriff’s Work Alternative Program has a drainage pond several feet below the walking area with minimal fencing between the two. Without adequate fencing to secure this drainage pond, a visitor, officer, or inmate could fall into the pond. **(R14)**

F29: The Humboldt County Sheriff’s Work Alternative Program is short-staffed, requiring overtime for deputies. There are times when only one deputy is on duty. This can cause exhaustion and stress. **(R15)**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Humboldt Civil Grand Jury recommends that:

R14: The Humboldt County Sheriff install a secure fence with a locked gate around the drainage pond by no later than July 30, 2025. For funding recommendations see the wording below Recommendation #15. **(F28)**

R15: The Humboldt County Sheriff ensure that a minimum of six filled Sheriff’s Deputy positions are assigned to the Sheriff’s Work Alternative Program Farm by December 31, 2024. For funding recommendations see the wording below Recommendation #15. **(F29)**

Funding Recommendation: The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that the Humboldt County Sheriff coordinate with the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors to fund the expenses listed in **R14** and **R15** from existing appropriations in the **current** fiscal year. If current appropriations are not sufficient, the Grand Jury recommends that the Humboldt County Sheriff and the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, at their next earliest opportunity, pursue additional funding from an appropriate agency, including state or federal agencies.

Eureka City Schools – Board of Trustees
Deal or No Deal

Released June 12, 2024

“The people have the right of access to information concerning the conduct of the people’s business, and, therefore, the meetings of public bodies and the writings of public officials and agencies shall be open to public scrutiny.” — California Constitution

SUMMARY

On December 14, 2023, the five-member Eureka City Schools Board of Trustees approved a real-estate transaction exchanging property at the site of the former George C. Jacobs Junior High School for a small residential property plus a multi-million-dollar financial consideration. The

Eureka City Schools Trustees determined that selling a valuable public asset is necessary to finance immediate infrastructure projects. This report does not address whether the transaction is a good or bad idea for the district. It is about the Eureka City Schools Trustees decision-making process in this matter.

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury concludes that the Eureka City Schools Trustees acted hastily and without sufficient due diligence. While apparently literally complying with the technical requirements of the California Government Code (Brown Act) with respect to a real-estate transaction, the Trustees violated the law’s general intent for public participation and transparency in decision-making.

FINDINGS

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury finds that:

F1: Public notice of the pending real-estate decision prior to the December 14, 2023, Eureka City Schools Trustee meeting did not describe the transaction as a proposed property exchange under California Education Code section 17536 and did not specify both properties involved. Therefore, the public did not have an opportunity to be informed and to question the details of the pending decision. **(R1, R2, R3, R4, R5)**

F2: Public notice of the pending real-estate decision prior to the December 14, 2023, Eureka City Schools Trustee meeting did not identify the person or persons with whom the designated Eureka City Schools negotiator may negotiate – specifically, the name (identity) of the principal members and financial backers of AMG Communities – Jacobs, LLC. Therefore, the public did not have an opportunity to be informed and to question the details of the pending decision. **(R1, R2, R3, R4, R5)**

F3: Public notice of the pending real-estate decision prior to the December 14, 2023, Eureka City Schools Trustee meeting did not include the proposed text of Resolution 23-24-023 and Agreement. Therefore, the public did not have an opportunity to be informed and to question the details of the pending decision. **(R1, R2, R3, R4, R5)**

F4: Eureka City Schools Trustees did not fully vet AMG Communities-Jacobs, LLC to establish the bona-fide identity of its members and its financial integrity and discuss this information in open session. Therefore, the public did not have an opportunity to be informed and to question the details of the pending decision and its potential relationship to other local public policy issues. **(R1, R2, R3, R4, R5)**

F5: Resolution 23-24-023 and Agreement was introduced and voted on within 2½ hours on December 14, 2023. The Eureka City Schools Trustees acted hastily without sufficient prudence and due diligence. This deprived the public of information and adequate explanation and communication regarding terms and conditions or sufficient opportunity to consider, respond or question the transaction. **(R1, R2, R3, R4, R5)**

F6: The Eureka City Schools Trustees conducted unrecorded, secret, undocumented, and undisclosed negotiations. This deprived the public of adequate explanation and communication regarding terms and conditions, or sufficient opportunity to consider, respond or question the transaction during open sessions, and prevented the Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury from determining whether Eureka City Schools Trustees complied with the California Government Code during closed sessions. **(R1, R2, R3, R4, R5)**

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that:

R1: Pursuant to California Government Code section 54957.2 the Eureka City Schools Trustees designate a clerk or other officer or employee to attend each closed session and keep and enter in a confidential minute book a record of topics discussed and decisions made at the meeting. This recommendation is to be done by December 31, 2024. **(F6)**

R2: Although the time for immediate cure and correct action has expired, the Eureka City Schools Trustees make details of the Jacobs property negotiations and ongoing status of the transaction known to the public by October 1, 2024. **(F6)**

R3: The Eureka City Schools Trustees adopt and implement procedures to assure compliance with the spirit and intent, as well as the literal and technical requirements, of the Brown Act with respect to public notice and participation to avoid the deficiencies noted in this report. This recommendation is to be done by March 31, 2025. **(F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6)**

R4: The Eureka City Schools Trustees create audio and video recordings of all open sessions of Eureka City Schools Trustee meetings. This recommendation is to be done by December 31, 2025. **(F6)**

R5: The Eureka City Schools Trustees and staff engage in comprehensive Brown Act training conducted by independent experts not connected with Eureka City Schools or California School Boards Association. This recommendation is to be done by December 31, 2025. **(F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6)**

**Humboldt County Hiring
Status, Process, and the Future**

Released June 21, 2024

SUMMARY

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury investigated the hiring practices of Humboldt County government, finding that understaffing is one of the largest problems facing our county. Understaffing happens when an agency is unable to fill all of the positions for which they are funded,

and it affects how well or poorly our county government serves the public. Understaffing is systemic, appearing throughout all departments of county government. Our investigation led us to examine many aspects of county hiring procedures. It also led us to acquire data from counties of a similar size, asking “how does Humboldt County staffing compare to other counties?” The Grand Jury wanted to know if Humboldt County is better, worse, or the same in terms of:

- Positions filled vs those that are empty
- Employee retention
- Procedures to improve retention
- Average time to hire from application to job offer
- Hard to fill occupations
- Incentive programs to attract candidates
- Hiring procedures documentation

We chose to do a statistical comparison to help answer the above questions, to get a snapshot of how Humboldt County compares to similar counties in northern California. This comparison gave us some information to help identify hiring issues within our county.

We investigated the current hiring processes for the three largest Humboldt County employee groups: The Sheriff’s Office, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department of Public Works. These three entities employ approximately seventy percent of county employees and account for a majority of the county’s general fund budget.

Our investigation was two-pronged:

- We examined the current hiring processes for these county departments, examining what is and is not working.
- We explored ways to streamline the hiring process either through Human Resources or within the departments themselves and discovered that different departments have different licensing and other requirements.
- During our investigation, we consistently heard two complaints:
- There is not enough money in the budget.
- The hiring process takes too long to get qualified candidates.

Frequently a candidate is hired away by an entity that does not make them wait two to six months to get hired. Certainly, compensation is a significant factor, but that is beyond our purview at this point. We wanted to find out what factors are at play in the actual hiring process and how the Humboldt County Human Resources department interfaces with the agencies listed above. Are there actions that could be taken, or are we stuck with the status quo?

FINDINGS

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury finds that:

F1: Humboldt County Human Resources is now sending exit questionnaires to all departing County employees. Analysis of these responses may allow Humboldt County Human Resources to determine strategies to improve recruitment and retention.

F2: The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office has longer hiring times than other county positions due to necessary written and oral testing, and required background checks. However, overlapping testing and interviews have allowed them to shorten the hiring process by weeks. This shortened hiring time increases the likelihood of successful recruitment.

F3: Many departments continue to be short-staffed, including Humboldt County Human Resources itself. Productivity decreases when staffing is inadequate, and the workload for individual staff increases, affecting employee retention. **(R1, R2, R3)**

F4: The average length of time from announcement to hire is on a par with other counties, but the process still takes months. This long time reduces the qualified pool of applicants and potentially forces the hiring department to start over. **(R4)**

F5: Hiring times are longer for departments that do not work efficiently or proactively with Humboldt County Human Resources during the hiring steps to provide subject matter experts and oral examiners. Longer hiring times make it more likely that applicants will give up, endangering the success of finding and hiring qualified employees. **(R4)**

F6: The California Department of Human Resources controls the hiring of Merit System Staffing positions. Until Humboldt County Human Resources has control, the lengthy hiring process will continue to delay filling positions and may cause applicants to withdraw, making the recruitment less successful. **(R6)**

F7: As of a 2020 survey, county pay levels are low relative to similar counties. This hinders both recruitment and retention across many departments. **(R7)**

F8: As of a 2020 survey, the cost of medical benefits to employees is high relative to similar counties. This high cost hinders both recruitment and retention across many departments. **(R7)**

F9: Humboldt County Human Resources has fewer strategies to improve recruitment and retention compared to some other counties. Having fewer strategies could hinder both recruitment and retention. **(R5)**

F10: Unlike many other counties, Humboldt County Human Resources does not have a single comprehensive policies and procedures manual for hiring. This lack of direction could lead to misunderstanding and ignorance of hiring procedures. **(R8)**

F11: Humboldt County Human Resources does not have or use a standard set of metrics for the completion of hiring steps, hiring timeframe, recruitment success, or retention. Without these metrics, it is hard to evaluate hiring performance for county employment. **(R9)**

F12: Performance evaluations of Human Resources staff are not always conducted annually. This results in performance and accountability being difficult to assess. **(R10)**

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that:

R1: Current Humboldt County Human Resources vacancies be filled by no later than June 30, 2025. For funding recommendations see the wording below Recommendation #10. **(F3)**

R2: The Humboldt County Human Resources Assistant Director position be funded and filled by no later than June 30, 2025. For funding recommendations see the wording below Recommendation #10. **(F3)**

R3: The three positions in Humboldt County Human Resources that were funded by expired federal grants be funded and filled by no later than June 30, 2025. For funding recommendations see the wording below Recommendation #10. **(F3)**

R4: Humboldt County Human Resources develop a 'best practices' guide and training program for all hiring departments to use to speed up the hiring steps, to be completed by no later than June 30, 2025. **(F4, F5)**

R5: Humboldt County Human Resources implement additional hiring and retention strategies by no later than July 1, 2025. For funding recommendations see the wording below Recommendation #10. **(F9)**

R6: Humboldt County Human Resources continue the conversion process of becoming an Approved Local Merit System county, to be completed by no later than March 31, 2025. **(F6)**

R7: The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors adjust compensation levels to be competitive with other counties, to be done when the county budget situation improves. For funding recommendations see the wording below Recommendation #10. **(F7, F8)**

R8: Humboldt County Human Resources develop a single comprehensive internal hiring policies and procedures manual, to be completed by no later than March 31, 2025. **(F10)**

R9: Humboldt County Human Resources develop metrics to measure the completion of hiring steps, hiring timeframe, recruitment success, and retention, to be completed by no later than March 31, 2025. **(F11)**

R10: Humboldt County Human Resources conduct performance evaluations annually for all Human Resources staff, to be completed by no

later than June 30, 2025. (F12)

Funding Recommendation: The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors fund the expenses listed in **R1, R2, R3, R5, and R7** with existing appropriations in the **current** fiscal year. If current appropriations are not sufficient, the Grand Jury recommends that the Board of Supervisors, at its next earliest opportunity, pursue additional funding from an appropriate agency, including state or federal agencies.

Arcata Fire District
Dwindling Resources = Dwindling Services
Released June 24, 2024

SUMMARY

It may not be evident to the public, but the Arcata Fire District is approaching desperate financial conditions and may soon need to again reduce service levels, including the closure of one fire station. The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury discovered that the District is running out of money, with no government funding to fall back on.

The District’s financial shortfalls became clear when the Grand Jury investigated the ability of the District to safely provide services for high-rise buildings. Under the Arcata Gateway Area Plan some structures will be mandated to be between five and seven stories, while two large dormitories are already under construction by California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt. The university’s Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the new dormitories evaluated possible impacts posed by the current construction of six- and seven- story student resident halls. The final EIR included a finding of “Less Than Significant” regarding public safety. However, that finding is contrary to comments provided by the Arcata Fire District.

The Grand Jury looked at the current ability of the Arcata Fire District to respond with sufficient personnel and equipment to fight high-rise fires. The District uses trained, paid firefighting professionals when responding to all emergency calls, and they do so with aging fire engines. Can the District afford to recruit new firefighters and secure proper equipment to meet growing needs?

The Arcata Fire District is a Special District created and funded by the people it serves and protects. Increasing revenue is a difficult process. To maintain current levels of service, district taxpayers will need to cover the full cost of fire protection to keep up with inflation. To provide services for new buildings and a higher population, even more funding will be needed.

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury learned that the District’s finances have not been sufficient to cover expenses in recent years. Due to inflation the cost of providing existing services rises every year. It

will cost even more to pay for serving the District’s growing population and its expanding and changing infrastructure. Funding levels are essentially static, so while costs rise, income for the District does not. The gap between increasing revenue and expense is widening. Without increased funding, residents are at greater risk during emergencies. This report explains current benefits to district residents, upcoming demands for service, and the need for Arcata Fire District voters to consider what level of fire and emergency protection they desire and are willing to pay for.

FINDINGS

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury finds that:

F1: The Arcata Fire District can no longer invest in the Vehicle Replacement Fund to purchase new engines. This results in high maintenance costs for old equipment and periods of time when engines are out of service. **(R1, R2, R3)**

F2: Current staffing and equipment of the Arcata Fire District is not sufficient to respond to service calls. Increased population and higher structures in the District, including those at California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt, will result in greater danger and risk to people and property. **(R1, R2, R3)**

F3: California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt receives services from, but is not required to financially contribute to the Arcata Fire District. This results in the Arcata Fire District providing services without receiving compensation, further diminishing Arcata Fire District resources. **(R1, R2, R3)**

F4: The Measure F Special Tax will expire in 2030 which will eliminate over thirty percent of current Arcata Fire District revenue. A loss of that much income will force the Arcata Fire District to reduce staff and services, increasing the risk of personal injury and property damage during calls for emergency service. **(R1, R2, F3)**

F5: The 2006 Benefit Assessment Tax is not indexed to rise with inflation, resulting in the Benefit Assessment Tax becoming an increasingly insufficient source of revenue. This can result in a reduction of service and deterioration of Arcata Fire District facilities and capabilities to handle emergency calls. **(R1, R2, R3)**

F6: The Arcata Fire District, with the cooperation of the City of Arcata and California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt, formed a working group and hired a consultant to develop a Standards of Cover report. The findings of this study will guide the Arcata Fire District in developing procedures and standards for ensuring and improving Arcata Fire District public safety. **(R4)**

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that:

R1: The Arcata Fire District use social media, traditional print and electronic media, and radio to inform the public using of impending financial difficulties. This is to take place by no later than December 31, 2024. **(F1, F2, F3, F4, F5)**

R2: By June 30, 2026, the Arcata Fire District propose a ballot measure revising the 2006 Benefit Assessment Tax by updating rates and including an inflation adjustment clause. **(F1, F2, F3, F4, F5)**

R3: The Arcata Fire District promote a ballot measure to generate a permanent special tax to, at a minimum, match income generated by Measure F. This is to be completed by December 31, 2026 in order to be on the 2028 Humboldt County Election Ballot. **(F1, F2, F3, F4, F5)**

R4: The Arcata Fire District continue to coordinate the working group with the City of Arcata and California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt, to establish Standards of Cover. **(F6)**

R5: The Arcata Fire District explore with California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt, opportunities for the University to offer financial assistance or establish reimbursement fees in recognition of the impacts of its tax-exempt status to be initiated by December 31, 2024. **(F2, F3)**

**Humboldt County, Behavioral Health, Substance Use,
and the Streets**
What Works?

Released June 28, 2024

SUMMARY

Humboldt County citizens who are suffering from significant behavioral health issues have few options. If they are fortunate enough to have private insurance, they may be able to find treatment from a private psychiatrist, nurse practitioner, or clinician. If they need to be hospitalized, they may be able to go to an out-of-area private in-patient facility. For the unhoused, uninsured, underinsured, and those individuals in active and severe crisis, those options do not exist.

For many years the primary responders for our citizens suffering active behavioral health crisis have been law enforcement. This situation is not by choice. Many officers agree they are not the best people for the job, but they are often the last strings in the social safety net. Traditionally, they have had few tools with which to help, usually limited to detaining people for a mental health evaluation or, if a crime has been committed, arresting them, and hoping the jail can offer services. In the last fifteen years or so officers have slowly obtained more tools, usually through Critical Incident Team training. These training tools assist law enforcement officers to recognize people in crisis, to use effective de-escalation techniques, and to coordinate with trained behavioral health professionals that respond to assist or manage the situation when they are available.

This report focuses on the concept of having trained professionals work with those individuals in crisis. Over the last decade, two programs have been reaching out to those people most in need. These programs are the Mobile Intervention and Services Team (MIST) and Crisis Alternative Response Eureka (CARE). CARE often works with the Eureka Police Department’s Community Safety Engagement Team (CSET). However, it is important to note that these programs are not aimed solely at those in crisis. These programs also address substance use disorder and attempt to identify people before they reach crisis. These programs work to connect the most marginalized of our citizens with critical resources while treating them with respect and dignity.

The benefits of specialized behavioral health response programs are many. People in need receive opportunities and treatment to improve their lives. Many low-level, “quality of life” crimes are prevented, and substance use is reduced. Overburdened emergency services have lower call volumes, and the number of hospital visits are reduced. Unhoused (homeless) people, who receive behavioral health interventions, are more likely to obtain and keep stable housing. Moreover, keeping people out of hospitals and jails saves significant amounts of money that would otherwise be paid for with our tax dollars.

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury investigated the MIST, CARE, and CSET programs. We found that CARE and CSET appear to be appropriately staffed and funded, while providing much-needed services. MIST has recently completed a one-year, grant-funded collaboration with the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office, with unimpressive results. The newest form of MIST has recently started, and evaluations of performance are premature, though there appears to be a funding gap that needs to be filled.

It is our conclusion that all of these programs need stable sources of funding in order to be successful. Underfunding these programs may be an example of being penny-wise and pound-foolish.

FINDINGS

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury finds that:

F1: The Crisis Alternative Response Eureka program demonstrates a successful, proactive model for compassionately providing Eureka with community based, high-quality, easy-access mental health and substance use mobile crisis services. These services help people to live better lives and benefit everyone in our community.

F2: When people are housed, mentally stable, and free of substance abuse, they use less community resources, resulting in significant savings to our community. **(R1)**

F3: When people are housed, mentally stable, and free of substance abuse, they are more likely to contribute financially to our community, resulting in economic stimulus in our community. **(R1)**

F4: Behavioral health and substance use programs that rely on grant funding for ongoing operations and staffing are always at risk of losing that funding. This reliance on grant funding places programs within Humboldt County at risk. **(R2, R3)**

F5: The newest version of the Mobile Intervention and Services Team uses Medi-Cal billing to access federal reimbursements for services provided. This revenue stream may be more sustainable than some used in the past, resulting in a more viable program. **(R2, R3)**

F6: The program that allows the Mobile Intervention and Services Team to bill Medi-Cal and to receive reimbursements for services provided ends March 31, 2027, with no guarantee of continued funding. Without this revenue stream the MIST program may need to be reduced or eliminated. **(R2, R3)**

F7: The newest version of the Mobile Intervention and Services Team does not have a revenue stream for clients not covered by Medicare and Medicaid, which may result in a shortage of funding. Without a reliable funding source for these clients parts of the Mobile Intervention and Services Team may not be sustainable. **(R2, R3)**

F8: The Department of Health and Human Services and the Mobile Intervention and Services Team have chronic difficulties filling open positions. Without stable staffing, the program cannot be effective. **(R2, R3)**

F9: During the 2022-2023 State of California Behavioral Health Justice Intervention Service’s one-year grant, the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services and the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office did not adequately track calls for service involving law enforcement and staff from the Mobile Intervention and Services Team program. This resulted in incomplete data which could be used to improve the program. **(R4)**

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that:

R1: The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors commission a study to determine the cost/benefit relationship between providing Mobile Intervention and Services Team services to at-risk citizens versus continuing to use other community resources for untreated people. This study is to be completed by no later than June 30, 2025. For funding recommendations, see the wording below Recommendation #5. **(F2, F3)**

R2: The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors provide permanent funding for the Mobile Intervention and Services Team to cover services that cannot be reimbursed by Medi-Cal. This funding is to be available by no later than July 1, 2025. For funding recommendations, see the wording below Recommendation #5. **(F4, F5, F6, F7, F8)**

R3: Unless other funding for the Mobile Intervention and Services Team is secured prior to the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the Humboldt

County Board of Supervisors provide sufficient funds to continue this program. This evaluation and potential financial commitment is to be completed by no later than April 1, 2026. For funding recommendations, see the wording below Recommendation #5. **(F4, F5, F6, F7, F8)**

R4: The Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services and the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office develop and enact a plan to document calls for service where both the Mobile Intervention and Services Team and the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office respond. This is to be completed by no later than January 1, 2025. **(F9)**

Funding Recommendation: The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors fund the expenses listed in **R1, R2, and R3** with existing appropriations in the **current** fiscal year. If current appropriations are not sufficient, the Grand Jury recommends that the Board of Supervisors, at its next earliest opportunity, pursue additional funding from an appropriate agency, including state or federal agencies. *The Grand Jury further recommends that the Board of Supervisors seek local academic partners to conduct **R1** at minimal or no cost to the County.*

Humboldt County Child Welfare Services
Office of the Ombudsperson

Released June 28, 2024

***ombudsmen:** a person who investigates, reports on, and helps settle complaints : an individual usually affiliated with an organization or business who serves as an advocate for patients, consumers, employees,...*

SUMMARY

In 2023 the Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury (HCCGJ) received a complaint regarding Child Welfare Services (CWS), a branch of the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Among several other issues, the complainant told us that after contacting the CWS Office of the Ombudsperson to lodge a complaint and receive assistance, they never received a reply. The Humboldt County CWS Office of the Ombudsperson was created in 2018 as part of a legal settlement with the State of California that required CWS to establish a complaint office to give a voice to families involved in the Child Welfare Services system.

We investigated the current state of this office and found that it does not follow through on promises made on the CWS website and that current practices violate CWS's own policies. We found that CWS regularly refers to the Office of the Ombudsperson as "independent" but that in reality it is intricately woven into the CWS structure. We found that CWS is good at keeping records about complaints received but does not provide information about complaint outcomes involving violations of policy, procedure, or civil rights. Moreover, we found that the public has no way to know if these violations have been addressed individually or systemically.

Crucially, we found that many people who make complaints never learn the outcomes of their complaints from CWS. These complainants are people in difficult situations. They may be at risk of losing their children, may have seen their children be abused by others, or may be abusers themselves. Whatever the case, they contact CWS to find answers, instead finding silence. Our conclusion is that CWS has an Office of the Ombudsperson in name only.

FINDINGS

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury finds that:

F1: Humboldt County Child Welfare Services does not in any substantial way provide a standardized form for complainants to file a complaint with the Office of the Ombudsperson. This lack of a standardized form creates a barrier to some people attempting to lodge a complaint. **(R1, R3)**

F2: Humboldt County Child Welfare Services does not in any substantial way provide printed information to clients informing them that an Office of the Ombudsperson exists and what the function of the office is. This lack of printed material leads to some people being unaware of options for filing a complaint. **(R2, R3)**

F3: The position of the Humboldt County Child Welfare Services Ombudsperson is currently filled by a person with little background in child welfare or social work, who must rely on more experienced workers for their knowledge. By not having expertise in child welfare or social work, Ombudsperson investigations can be inefficient and overly reliant on the expertise of others. **(R3)**

F4: In violation of its Policies and Procedures, the Humboldt County Child Welfare Services Office of the Ombudsperson regularly fails to notify complainants of the findings and resolutions of their complaint. This can result in the complainant losing trust in a system that is designed to address their grievances. **(R4)**

F5: Humboldt County Child Welfare Services collects statistical information about the performance of the Office of the Ombudsperson but does not actively share this information with the public. This prevents the public from evaluating the performance of an office meant to serve them. **(R5)**

F6: Humboldt County Child Welfare Services fails to provide information on the outcomes of complaints, leaving the public with no information on what policies, procedures, and civil rights have been violated and what, if anything, has been done to address these violations. This failure prevents the public from evaluating the performance of an office meant to serve them. **(R6)**

F7: Child Welfare Services regularly and systematically violates the terms of the 2018 Judgment of the Superior Court of the State of California related to the Office of the Ombudsperson. This results in services that Child Welfare Services agreed to provide being withheld from the public. **(R7, R8, R9)**

F8: The Humboldt County Child Welfare Services Office of the Ombudsperson is not independent, reporting to the very institution it is designed to investigate. This can influence the scope and outcome of investigations. **(R10)**

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury recommends that:

R1: Humboldt County Child Welfare Services create a comprehensive complaint form for those wishing to file a complaint with the Office of the Ombudsperson that is readily available on their website, at all DHHS offices, and through the mail. This form is to be completed and available by no later than March 31, 2025. **(F1)**

R2: Humboldt County Child Welfare Services create a brochure detailing the procedures for making a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsperson that is readily available on their website, at all DHHS offices, and through the mail. This document is to be completed and available by no later than March 31, 2025. **(F2)**

R3: Humboldt County Child Welfare Services provide physical copies of the documents detailed in recommendations one and two to every member of the public involved in Child Welfare Services proceedings of any type. This procedure is to be implemented by no later than April 1, 2025. **(F1, F2)**

R3: The next and all following Humboldt County Child Welfare Services Ombudspersons have prior experience in child welfare and social work. This action is to be implemented the next time the Ombudsperson position is vacant. **(F3)**

R4: Humboldt County Child Welfare Services follow all elements of the Child Welfare Services Policies and Procedures section 10-75. This action is to be implemented by no later than November 1, 2024. **(F4)**

R5: Humboldt County Child Welfare Services make available to the public the Humboldt County Office of the Ombudsperson performance data that they acquire. This action is to be completed by no later than March 31, 2025. **(F5)**

R6: Humboldt County Child Welfare Services expand the range of performance data acquired for the Office of the Ombudsperson to include what policies, procedures, and civil rights have been violated and what, if anything, has been done to address these violations. This is to be completed no later than March 31, 2025. **(F6)**

R7: Humboldt County Child Welfare Services conduct a review of the terms of the 2018 Judgment of the Superior Court of the State of California and all succeeding agreements related to the Office of the Ombudsperson, compare those terms to current procedures, and prepare a report on the findings of that review. This is to be completed no later than March 31, 2025. **(F7)**

R8: Humboldt County Child Welfare Services create a plan of correction for all areas of noncompliance with the 2018 Judgment of the Superior Court of the State of California and all succeeding agreements related to the Office of the Ombudsperson. This is to be completed no later than June 30, 2025. **(F7)**

R9: Humboldt County Child Welfare Services implement a plan of correction for all areas of noncompliance with the 2018 Judgment of the Superior Court of the State of California and all succeeding agreements related to the Office of the Ombudsperson. This is to be completed no later than December 31, 2025. **(F7)**

R10: The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors remove the Humboldt County Child Welfare Services Office of the Ombudsperson from the Humboldt County Child Welfare Services organizational structure and reallocate the Office of the Ombudsperson to report to the Humboldt County Administrative Office. This is to be completed by no later than July 1, 2025. **(F8)**



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